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Scrap Book

Mary Jo Riddle, 1529 State St, Bowling Green, Ky
Western Kentucky State Teachers College
Basketball Scrap Book on the
1945-1946 team



Western Kentucky State Teachers College

1945-1946



First Row Left Right

Irvin
Kirk
ATKINSON
Horsely
Morris
Johnson
Gartner
Parsley
Hale

Second Row
Whitfield
Huter
Schaeffer
Crapton
Castlen
Dunning
Brooks
Kirk

Third Row
Holmes
Davis
Hankins
Embry
Hummer
Heller
Sydnor
Taylor
Manager Johnny Carr

Coach E.A. Diddle
Ass. Coach Ted Hornback

Western Hilltoppers To Open Home Basketball Season Saturday Night

Gunning for their third basketball victory of the season, Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers make their initial home appearance Saturday night when they take on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary five, of Louisville at the Western hardwood. The opening whistle will sound at 8 o'clock.

Plans for a double-header attraction "went by the boards" when Smyrna Air Base officials notified Diddle and Hornback that the Smyrna unit, beaten a week ago by Western, 48 to 40, would not be in position to field a team.

The Louisville team, however, according to its performance against the Toppers last season, is expected to offer some real competition. Last year, after a first-class struggle, the Western boys managed to hang up a 52-37 decision over the Preachers.

Coaches Diddle and Hornback prepped for Saturday's home game yesterday with another stiff, driv-

ing scrimmage against the up-and-coming College High varsity. Bearing the brunt of this half of the rehearsal Thursday were Irwin and Schaeffer, forwards; Johnson, center and Taylor and Davis, guards.

At the intermission, the Topper squad was taken to the inner sanctums of the Western gym and given another of those scintillating "lay-down-the-law" lectures for which Ed Diddle is famous. Practice was then continued, with visitors excluded from the gym.

There isn't much foolishness going on up there these days, with the Red and Gray cagers facing stern opposition Saturday night, Monday night and the Ohio Valley Tournament grind next Friday and Saturday at New Albany.

There is being a change in opponents for the Monday night battle, Diddle announced Thursday. The 558th Army Base Unit, Nashville, has called off its return en-

agement with the Toppers, the Western coach said, because of Army plans.

Named to replace the 558th and including a former Westerner on its squad, is the Tenth Infantry group from Camp Campbell, which will also have in its lineup two former Indiana university stars. Monday night's game is also billed for 8 o'clock.

The former Western cager on the Tenth Infantry team is Lieut. Col. Alden Shipley, who graduated from the Hilltopper institution in 1940.

Probable starting lineup for Saturday night's feature will be Hale and Parsley, forwards; Johnson, likely to get the call at center; Heller and Embry at guards.

The Western student body at a meeting in Van Meter auditorium last night elected cheer-leaders for 1945-1946. Chosen were Betty Jo and Anna Jo Cook, of London; Betty Joiner, of Fulton, and Harold Logsdon, of Bowling Green.

Hilltoppers To Open Season Friday Night

With one regular back from last year's campaign, Jim Huter, a guard, and two squad members of 1941-1942 and 1943, Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers go to Nashville tomorrow night to open their 1945-1946 basketball schedule against the fast Smyrna Air Base Five.

Last year the Smyrna team defeated Western at Bowling Green by 52-37 and will return three of their regulars, including Thomas, who were outstanding performers.

The squad and Coaches Diddle and Hornback will leave for Nashville about 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The game will start at 8:30 o'clock.

The traveling group of 15 players will include Holmes, Schaeffer, Crafton, Brooks, Taylor, Hankins, Huter, Davis or Irwin, Heller, Embry, Atkinson, Hale, Johnson, Gurtner or Halsley.

A probable starting lineup was listed this morning by Coach Diddle as follows: Maurice Hale and Charles Parsley, forwards; Johnson or Atkinson, center; Heller and Embry, guards.

The Hilltoppers were introduced this morning at chapel exercises at Western and the Bowling Green Business University.

Western Downs Smyrna Quintet By 48 To 40

Paced by lanky Maurice Hale, the Daviess County High ace, who tallied 16 points, Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers won their first basketball game of the season Friday night at Nashville, whipping the fast Smyrna Air Base five by a score of 48 to 40.

Many of the boys, starting their first game for the Toppers, turned in creditable performances and the tilt was reported as another of those rugged events with action pleasing to the fans. The Smyrna team will come to Bowling Green Saturday night for a return bout with the Diddlemen.

The Westerners led by 21 to 20 at the first half of their season opener as their forwards kept the pace with the more experienced Smyrna cagers. Parsley, with 14 points, teamed up with Hale to spark the Hilltopper drive. Thomas, center, who hit the nets for 22, stood out for Smyrna.

Western (48)	Smyrna (40)
Hale, 16	F Thomas, 20
Parsley, 14	F Etscorni, 10
Atkinson, 8	C Gardner, 22
Heller, 0	G Puchek, 0
Embry, 8	G Mulaney, 8

Substitutions, Western—Hankins, forward, 2; Taylor and Huter, guards; Johnson, center; Schaeffer and Brooks, forward.

Diddlemen To Meet Bombers

The 1945-46 basketball campaign of the Western Red and Gray Hilltoppers will get under way tonight when the Big Red tackles the Bombers of Nashville's Smyrna Air Base. The Toppers, who took their first defeat of the season last year at the hands of the Bombers, will be striking for revenge. Thomas, Smyrna center who racked up 22 points against the Diddlemen, will again be playing for the air base team.

Thirteen of the season's twenty-five carded tilts will be played before January. Three of the pre-holiday contests are home games, and the first local appearance of the Toppers will be on November 17, when the Smyrna team engages Western in a return tilt.

The schedule to date includes the following games:

November 9—Smyrna Air Base, at Smyrna, Tenn.; November 13—558th AAF Base Unit, at Nashville; November 17—Smyrna Air Base, here; November 19—558th AAF Base Unit, here; November 23-24, Tri-State Tournament at New Albany; November 30—Naval Air Tech. Training Center, here; December 6 and December 7—University of Arkansas, at Little Rock; December 8—Naval Air Tech. Training Center, at Memphis; December 10—Southern Illinois, at Paducah; December 14—Marshall college, Huntington, W. Va.; December 15—Ohio University, at Athens, O.; January 5, 1946—Evansville College, here; January 9—Tennessee Tech., at Cookeville; January 15—Eastern State, here; January 19, Murray State, at Murray; January 23—Vanderbilt University, here; January 26—Morehead, here; January 28—Marshall College, here; January 30—Tennessee Tech., here; February 2—University of Louisville, at Louisville; February 6—ETA ETOI ETOI February 6—Evansville College, at Evansville, Ind.; February 9—Murray, here; February 13—University of Louisville, here; February 16—Eastern State, Richmond; February 21, 22 and 23—K. I. A. C. tournament, at Louisville.

Hilltoppers Open Season Tonight

Seeking their first victory of the season, the Western Hilltopper Cagers of Coach Ed Diddle left for Nashville this afternoon where tonight they meet the powerful Smyrna Air Base quintet, one of the outstanding teams on the Topper schedule for two seasons. A return game with Smyrna will be played in Bowling Green November 17.

Fifteen players made the trip.

Diddle's Hilltoppers Fight Back To Beat Nashville Air Base Team, 52-

Trailing 26-25 at the half way mark, the Western Hilltopper cagers of Coach Ed Diddle came through last night to down the 558th Army Air Base unit five by a score of 52-51 in a rough and ready contest at Nashville. The victory was Western's second in two starts.

The Westerners led by 23 to 11 with six minutes remaining in the first half, and after a string of substitutes went in, the Army team erased that lead and forged out in front.

The game was lively throughout and only sheer determination and a never-say-die spirit brought victory to the Toppers, who won the hard way. Jim Huter, reserve guard, suffered a broken nose in the melee.

The encounter, in which tempers flared up almost violently on one occasion, was described as one of the roughest in which a Western team had ever played.

Ed Ehlers, star cager from Purdue, led the scoring with 19 points, but the Hilltoppers' Maurice Hale, a forward, was close behind with 18 points. Hale made 16 points in the Smyrna battle last week.

Trailing in the scoring department was Parsley, his running mate, who tallied 15 points.

Coach Diddle today expressed himself as pleased with the showing made by his team in their 1945 appearances.

Western	558th Army
Hale, 18	F Olson, 2
Parsley, 15	F Sullivan, 9
Atkinson, 0	C Ehlers, 19
Heller, 4	G Jarrett, 0
Embry, 8	G Dare, 10

Substitutions: Western—Schaeffer and Brooks, forwards; Kirk and Johnson, centers; Huter, guard, 4; Hankins, guard, 3; 558th Army—Patterson, forward, 1; Dyser, center; Lauro, guard, 0; Worton, guard, 10.

Coach Diddle had big news today in the announcement that there might be a collegiate double-header at the Hilltopper gym Saturday night instead of a single event as previously billed.

Information at Bowling Green reveals that the Smyrna team, originally scheduled for the Saturday date, may be here and may not, since the Army setup at Smyrna may be dissolved any minute. The basketball squad, which has lost several players, may be disbanded, Coach Ed Diddle said yesterday. The Southern Baptist Theologi-

cal Seminary five, of Louisville, which last year gave the Western team a run for its money, is scheduled to play the Toppers at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night with the Smyrna game to follow if the team is organized Saturday. The program will be the attraction of the season.

Hilltoppers To Meet Nashville Five On Tuesday

Victorious in their first start Friday night against the Smyrna Air Base five, the Western Hilltopper quintet will make another trip to Nashville Tuesday night for a battle with the 558th Army Air Base Unit outfit, a newcomer to the Western schedule and reported as a team of "unknown quantity" in Bowling Green.

The Army team will come to Bowling Green November 19 for a game at the Western hardwood.

Listed as a probable starting combination for the Western five are Schaeffer and Brooks, forwards; Johnson, center; Huter and Hankins, guards.

Although the traveling list might be subject to change before the Nashville game, the following players will likely make the trip, according to Coach Diddle's announcement today: Heller, Embry, Atkinson, Hale, Parsley, Huter, Hankins, Johnson, Schaeffer, Brooks, Dunning, William Kirk, Hummer, Crafton, Gurtner or Irwin.

Hilltoppers To Meet Campbell Five Tonight

With the scalps of three cage victims accounted for, the Western Hilltoppers will seek their fourth conquest tonight at the Western gym when they take on the Tenth Infantry hardwood five from Camp Campbell, the third Army team played by the Toppers this season. The game will be called at 8 o'clock.

The Westerners, although looking a little erratic in part of their play against Louisville Saturday night, show signs of having a combination of power later in the season. They are unofficially installed as favorites in tonight's engagement, although the strength of the Camp Campbell team is an unknown quantity here. However, two former University of Indiana stars and a former Westerner, Lt. Col. Alden Shipley, are expected to be in the lineup.

Leading the Western scorers to date are Hale and Parsley, forwards, each marking up 39 points in three game played. Embry, a guard, has tallied 27 points.

Making their college debuts and scoring their first varsity basketball points Saturday night were Joe David Johnson, center, Bowling Green and John Taylor, of Hartford, a guard. Practically every player on the squad, however, saw action as the Toppers began to get experience for their play in the Ohio Valley tournament Friday and Saturday.

Probable starting lineup for the Westerners tonight will be:

Hale and Parsley, forwards; Kirk, Johnson or Atkinson, center; Heller and Emory at guards.

Camp Campbell's squad list includes the following:

Sgt. Bailey Carberry, forward, Holy Cross; Lieut. W. W. Lewis, forward, of Indiana university; Lieut. John Du Ford, guard, Otawa university; Lieut. Sidney Lindsey, center, Indiana university; Sgt. Robert Pigsley, forward, Atlanta, (Iowa) High school; Sgt. Thomas McCann, center, New Jersey State Teachers college, center Lieut. Chris Dubia, guard, Murray; Lieut. John Ferguson, guard, University of California; Cpl. Colin Davis, guard, Mississippi (high school); Pfc. Fred Goodwin, guard, Southern Methodist.

The coach is Lieut. Dale Swihart, of University of Indiana.

All of the boys are over 6 feet, averaging 175 to 225 pounds per man. Lieut. Col. Alden Shipley, former Westerner, who was said to be in the lineup for Camp Campbell, will not play tonight as announced earlier.

Carberry and Lewis are reported as outstanding for the night.

Diddlemen Rake Up Fourth Straight Win By Downing Campbell Team, 53-36

By Clarence Daves

The Western Hilltopper cagers continued their victory march last night by whipping a rugged Camp Campbell five 53-36 in the second home game of the season and scored their fourth consecutive win.

The Diddlemen led by 27-16 at the halfway mark and plunged ahead in the second half with little doubt as to the outcome of the game.

The action was fast but both clubs exhibited weaknesses. The Campbell five played brilliantly at times but was off on shots and inaccurate on many of its passes.

JUMP INTO LEAD

Superiority of the Western team, however, was demonstrated early in the game and behind the efforts of the sharpshooting trio of Hale, Parsley and Embry the Toppers headed for victory. Embry led the scoring with 14 points; Hale rung up 13 and Parsley gathered 10. Lewis, Camp Campbell forward, led his team's offensive thrusts with 12 markers.

The Army boys scored first on a tip-in shot by Lindsey, center, but Hale quickly duplicated and the score was tied 2-2. Hale then made a lay-in shot and a gratis heave to put the home team in front 5-2 after eight minutes of play. George Heller, the Toppers' big guard came through with a tip-in shot; McCann, of Camp Campbell, missed a free shot and Lewis tipped one in as the score read 7-4 for Western.

Buck Atkinson, going in at center for William Kirk, was fouled and made good at the 17-foot line to ease the score up to 8-4. Here Chalmers Embry, Western's smoothly-operating guard, adjusted his sights and heaved in a beautiful fielder. Dubia, Camp Campbell guard, also hit a long one and the score was 10-6 for Diddle's team.

Ferguson, substitute guard for Campbell, was fouled and made a charity toss, Embry came through with a side shot and the margin was 12-7. Lewis drew a foul shot, made good and it was 12-8. Embry threw in a hot crip shot and Lewis hit a long for Campbell to post the score at 14-8. Embry, again, registering on a long shot and a jump shot boosted the advantage to 18-10. Taylor, replacing Heller at guard, tossed in a one-hander and the score was 20-10 for the Western men with five minutes remaining in the first half.

Goodwin and Lewis, on one-hand and side shots respectively, narrowed the Western lead to 20-14. Carberry layed one in and Parsley hit from the side, making the tally read 22-16 as the action began to get a little rough. Harsley, substitute for Atkinson, made good a charity fling and Parsley, Hale's running mate at forward cashed in with a one-hander and a tip-in to close the first half with the Toppers on top by 27-16.

The second half started with a shot from the side by Lindsey and Hale came through with a distance heave to make the tally 29-18. Hale, again, from the side and the score was 31 to 18. Lewis made good two free throws and Davis hit a lay-in shot to bring the books to 31-22, with the game at this time showing signs of becoming a whirl-wind as the Army boys fought desperately to get in the running. Hale scored on a one-hand shot and Kirk made good from the 17-foot line and the Hilltoppers had a lead of 34-22 with six minutes gone in the second round.

Embry hit one from the side, Lewis got a chance at a free throw but missed, and Jim Huter, substitute guard, crippled to put Western

ahead 38-22. Huter missed a free throw and Parsley, on a jump shot, marked up a 40-22 advantage for the Red and Gray. Embry, on a lay-in, scored again and Davis threw in a one-hander, the score now reading 42-24 with 10 minutes gone.

USES SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes poured into the game, in fact Coach Diddle used every player on the bench and every man gave a good account of himself. The reserve performers in most instances held their own and more with the opposition.

The Westerners go to Jeffersonville, Ind., Friday morning to take part in the Ohio Valley basketball tournament. They will play in Owensboro November 29 against the Fort Knox five, returning to the home court Saturday night December 1 for a battle with the Naval Air Technical Training center five, of Memphis. The Memphis club has on its squad Johnny Oldham, of Hartford, a former Western basketballer and who has done a good job in his performances with the Memphis outfit.

Western (53)	C. Campbell (36)
Hale, 13	F Carberry, 2
Parsley, 10	F Lewis, 12
William Kirk, 1	C Lindsey, 6
Heller, 2	G Dubia, 2
Embry, 14	G Davis, 8

Substitutions: Western — Schaeffer, 0; Atkinson, 1; Taylor, 2; Holmes, 2; Johnson, 2; Harsley, 1; Huter, 2; Hankins; Brooks, 2; Irwin, 1; Crafton, Dunning, Whitfield, Davis, and Castlen. Camp Campbell — Pigsley; McCann, 2; Nichetakas, 0; Goodwin, 2; Ferguson, 2.

Score at the half: Western 27; Camp Campbell 16.

Officials: Duncan, Nashville, referee; Cook, Bowling Green, umpire; Carr, scorer; Miller, timer.

Coach Introduces Squad At Chapel Exercises

Coach E. A. Diddle introduced the members of this year's Red and Gray basketball squad and made a few predictions about the coming season. With eleven ex-GI's on the squad, Coach Diddle expressed the hope that next year's season would hold better prospects in material. Coach Diddle was unable to make any prediction whether this year would be successful or otherwise.

Mr. L. T. Smith, Chairman of the Western athletic committee, Coach E. A. Diddle, and members of the basketball team presented the chapel program at the Bowling Green Business University yesterday morning.

Mr. J. Murray Hill, president of the Business University, introduced Mr. Smith, who presided at the program. Members of the squad were introduced to the chapel audience by Coach Diddle, who made an announcement about the sale price of the basketball season tickets.

Western to Be S.I.A.A. Host

Western Kentucky State Teachers College, of Bowling Green, was elected as the host of the 1946 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association's basketball tournament at the November meeting of the executive committee of the S.I.A.A. at Jackson, Mississippi.

The following committee was appointed to arrange all details of the tournament: W. L. Terry, Kentucky Western, Chairman, Lee Prather, Northwestern Louisiana College; Lonnie McMillan, Presbyterian College; P. V. Overall, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

AGAINST A TEAMMATE

Two of the Western Hilltopper cagers are likely to see action against a former high school teammate in the Western-N.A.T.C. basketball game in the Western gym Saturday night, December 1.

Here's the angle: Chalmers Embry, John Taylor and Johnny Oldham played together three years at Hartford high school. The boys were on Hartford's team which two years in a row went to the Kentucky State High school basketball tournament. Oldham made All State in 1942.

Taylor and Embry are playing for Western and Oldham, who also played for Western two years back, is a member of the "hot rock" Navy team from Memphis, which last year amassed a total of 1,177 points.

It will be interesting to watch the reactions of these former teammates in the coming clash. According to current reports, the Navy team will feature Oldham.

Western Trips Baptists By 53-35

Hilltoppers Register 3d Consecutive Win

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 17.

Western State Teachers College chalked up its third straight basketball win here tonight, defeating Southern Baptist Seminary 53-35.

Western (53)	Pos. (35)	Sou. Bap. S.
Hale (5)	F	(7) Franklin
Parsley (10)	F	(17) Halsell
Johnson (4)	C	Montgomery
Embry (11)	G	Booth
Heller (3)	G	(2) Curry

Substitutes: Western — Crafton (2), Schaeffer, Brooks, Irwin, Atkinson (7), Harsley (2), Holmes (3), Taylor (5), Huter (1), Hankins, Kirk, Seminary-Woody (3), Edwards (2), Standridge, Keeny (4), McMurray, Uortflitz.

Halftime score: 23-13.

By BOB HARRY

Courier-Journal Correspondent.

Although the University of Louisville's Sea Cards have their sights set on the title, their mentor Berrie Hickman is of the opinion that Western State Teachers, led by towering six-foot nine-inch James Morris, is the team to beat in the Ohio Valley basketball tournament at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse this Friday and Saturday.

Hilltoppers Leave For Ohio Valley Tournament

Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback with 15 Western basketball players and Student Manager Johnny Carr left this morning for Jeffersonville, where they enter the Ohio Valley basketball tournament today and Saturday at the Jeffersonville field house.

Making the trip were Chalmers Embry, George Heller, Maurice Hale, Charles Schaeffer, Charles Parsley, Carrol Brooks, William Kirk, Buck Atkinson, Joe David Johnson, Glenn Holmes, Max Hankins, John Taylor, Ben Gurtner, Billy Crafton and Jim Huter.

Drawings for positions in the eight-team competition were to be held in Louisville at noon today.

Hilltoppers Play In First Game

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 23 —(P)—Drawings were made today at the high school field house here to determine opposing teams in the Ohio Valley basketball tourney which opens this afternoon.

The pairings:
First game (2:15 p.m.) Miami University of Oxford, Ohio, vs. Western State Teachers of Bowling Green, Ky.

Second game (3:00 p.m.) Kentucky Wesleyan vs. Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va.

Third game (7:45 p.m.) Morehead, Ky., Teachers vs. Georgetown, Ky., college.

Fourth game (9:00 p.m.) Indiana State teachers of Terre Haute vs. University of Louisville.

Play will be completed Saturday

Western Wins Third In Row By 53 ul" World



PICTURED ABOVE is the 1945-1946 edition of the Western Kentucky Teachers Hilltoppers' basketball squad. First row, seated, left to right: Irwin, William Kirk, Atkinson, Harsley, Morris, Johnson, Gurtner Parsley and Hale. Second row standing, left to right: Coach Ed Diddle, Whitfield, Huter, Schaeffer, Crafton, Wilson Kirk, Castlen, Dunning, Brooks, and Coach Hornback. Third row, left to right: Holmes, Davis, Hankins, Embry, Hummer, Heller, Sydnor Taylor and Student Manager Johnny Carr.

Louisville Five No Match After Few Minutes

Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers won their third consecutive basketball victory last night at the Western gym in downing a rugged Louisville Baptist Seminary five by the score of 53 to 35.

Coach Diddle used 16 players in the first home tilt of the 1945 schedule.

With the exception of only the first seven or eight minutes, when the score was tied three times, were the teams on even comparison. The Hilltoppers soon drew away, with Parsley, forward, who tallied 10 points, and Embry, guard, connecting for 11, leading the march. The Hilltoppers led at halftime by 23 to 13.

However, a fellow by the name of Halsell, Louisville forward, who paced all scorers, was the thorn in the flesh of the Westerners all night. Halsell garnered 17 points, eight of them on field goals and one on a free toss.

A total of 29 personal fouls was called, with Louisville Seminary drawing 17 and the Westerners charged with 12.

The Hilltoppers take the home court again Monday night in an affair with the Tenth Infantry group five from Camp Campbell.

The game is carded for eight o'clock.

Western (53)	Po	(35) Baptists
Hale, 5	.....F.....	Franklin, 7
Parsley, 10	.....F.....	Halsley, 17
Johnson, 4	.....C.....	Montgomery, 0
Embry, 11	.....G.....	Booth, 0
Heller, 3	.....G.....	Curry, 2
Substitutions: Western—Crafton, 2; Brooks, Atkinson, 7; Holmes 3; Huter, 1; Hankins; Taylor, 5; Harsley 2. Southern Baptist—Edwards, 2; Woody, 3; Standridge; Keeney 4.		
Officials: Leon Cook, referee; J. S. McGown, umpire; Johnny Carr, scorer; Charlie Miller, timer.		

Embry Is High Point Maker For Western

As the Western Teachers college basketball season gets rolling into high gear, with seven games played to date, including three in the Tri-State tournament last week at Jeffersonville, leading scorer in the Topper outfit is Chalmers Embry, a guard. Embry has racked up 81 points, with an average of about 11 points per game.

Hale and Parsley, starting forwards, at this point are running neck and neck, each having scored 70 points for an average of 10 points apiece for each encounter.

Breaking into the lineup as the Ohio valley tournament was started, Jim Huter brought his total to 27 points for five games in which he participated.

Other scorers are listed as follows: William Kirk, who is trailing Huter closely with 26 points, 18 of which were scored in Kirk's grand game against Marshall college last Friday afternoon; Buck Atkinson, 16; George Heller, guard, 11 points; Hankins 5; Joe Johnson, 6; John Taylor, 7; Carroll Brooks, 2; Holmes, 5; Crafton, 2; Irwin, Harsley and Schaeffer, 1 point each.

With two games to be played this week the Toppers will have opportunity of boosting their scoring totals.

Opponents to be faced are formidable, however, and include Fort Knox, which will be met at Owensboro Thursday night and the even better Navy team from Memphis, which will invade the Western gymnasium Saturday night.

Blind Cage Tourney Opens Today At Jeff

Eight Teams From Four States To Compete In Ohio Valley Meet

By WALLACE BLAIR, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

The Ohio Valley blind basketball tournament scheduled for the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse Friday and Saturday may turn out to be a battle of giants featuring Western State Teacher's James Morris, six-feet-nine; Miami University's Jack Bowman, six-feet-eight; Morehead Teachers starting lineup that averages six-feet-three; University of Louisville's George Hauptfuhrer, six-feet-four, and about 50 other skyscrapers.

Game time Friday will be 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with the night sessions scheduled for 7:45 and 9. The semi-finals are scheduled for the same time on Saturday with the championship game scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

This is the first time for such a meet and tournament manager L. A. Tarpley has assured the Jeffersonville Board of Education it will be an annual affair.

FOUR STATES

Four states are represented, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky.

Not much is known of the teams this season because it is too early for even the coaches to have a line on the material at hand. All eight teams were registered at Louisville's Watertown Hotel in pink of condition for one of the most strenuous tasks ever asked of college basketballers at this stage of the season. The boys have been whipped in shape for this two-day tourney and the only worry of the coaches seems to be they may have brought their boys along too fast and the players may burn themselves out before the all important conference tourneys next spring.

Outstanding teams, on last season's record, are Bernard "Peck" Hickman's University of Louisville Sea Cards, who won 16 last year and lost three; Glenn Curtis' Indiana State Teachers College team of Terre Haute, Ind., that won 18 and lost seven last year; and Ed Diddle's Western Kentucky State Teacher's that won 17 and lost 10 last year in the poorest season Diddle has had in years.

cause of laboratory work in the afternoon.

Marshall College of Huntington, West Va., coached by Cam Henderson, may be the surprise team of the tourney. Last year his team won 17 games and lost eight. He regularly plays a tough schedule and has a starting five that will average six-feet-two.

Morehead Teachers, coached by Bobby Laughlin until Ellis Johnson gets out of the Navy, will feature Carroll Hawhee, six-foot-four center, recently discharged from Iowa Preflight School, regular center on the Preflight team in 1944-45. Prior to entering the Navy, he played at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind. The Eagles have Jack Pobst, regular guard from Georgetown, Ohio, who averaged 10 points per game last season; Chuck Carlson, freshman, All-State player from Minneapolis, and Bob Tucker, a six-foot-four guard with previous experience.

FRESHMEN

At Georgetown College where L. E. "Brad" Jones returned to his alma mater this year and found her kinda run down in an athletic way, he is faced with molding together a bunch of freshmen who may not set the world on fire in his first year, but those who know Brad think he may singe it a little. Alfred Morris, Victor Kurk and Joe Estes, all over six feet by two inches, appear to be his best-looking freshmen.

SURPRISE

University of Louisville will be forced to play Friday night because of laboratory work in the afternoon.

Coach Robert R. "Bullet" Wilson, a nine-letter athlete at Kentucky Wesleyan, is attempting to bring his alma mater back in an athletic way after a two-year recess on the hardwood. He, too, is depending on freshmen and his most able looking prospects are Ralph May, Art Littrell, Harry Rose and Carlos Higgins.

Opener Won By Western

Louisville Meets Indiana State In Final Night Game At Jeff.

By FRANK HARTLEY.

In the dark concerning opponents until two hours before the start of the Ohio Valley Basketball Tournament, eight collegiate teams, representing four States, prepared for tough battles this week-end at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse following the draw at noontime today.

Former Newport, Ky., coach "Blue" Foster picked the No. 1 slip and drew Ed Diddle's Western State Teachers' Hilltoppers as the opening opponent at 2:15 this afternoon for his Miami University quintet.

Western won the opener by 32-25, after being behind 20-13 at the half. About 500 turned out for the games. pyb

Embry scored 9 points for the winners. Jim Huter, Louisville boy, played a bang-up game.

Scheduled for the second tilt in this afternoon's session were Kentucky Wesleyan and Marshall College of West Virginia.

Morehead State Teachers and Brad Jones' Georgetown College cagers open tonight's play at 7:45, with the Hoosier State's representatives, Indiana State Teachers, billed against University of Louisville in the first-round finale, at 9.

The first collegiate tourney of the season, the meet also is the first "blind" college tourney to be held in Kentuckiana. Since all of the teams are without any too much practice, the combatants all are rated an equal chance to take home the trophy offered the winning aggregation.

Jones stated at the drawing that his Georgetown netters are inexperienced, but he's looking forward to picking up several new basketballers when the second term begins. Regarding Miami University, Foster pointed out that he had been so tied up with football that he hadn't had time to spend much time with the hardwood team.

Western State came to the tourney with probably the greatest amount of pre-season practice. The Hilltoppers have played in four early-season practice tilts, winning all of them. Coach Bernie Hickman's University of Louisville outfit has taken the floor twice in practice tilts and won both.

The U. of L. Cardinals automatically were given the spot in the final game tonight against whatever team might draw them as opponents. That move from the orthodox method of handling a blind tourney was necessary by the fact that several of Hickman's Naval cagers had classes this afternoon and couldn't get excused.

Western Whips Fort Knox Five At Owensboro

The Western Hilltopper basketball team hung up its seventh victory last night in downing a Fort Knox quintet by the score of 64 to 53 in a benefit tilt at Owensboro. It was another of those battles with the outcome in doubt until the waning minutes.

Chalmers Embry racked up 18 points for the Red and Gray, trailed closely by Maurice Hale who garnered 16. Anthony Karpowich, a former Fordham University flash, registered 18 of the Fort Knox points.

Western led by the score of 34-33 at the halfway mark.

The Hilltoppers get even a more severe testing when they line up against the strong Navy five from Memphis tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock on the Western court.

WESTERN	FG	FT	TP
Hale, F	8	0	16
Crafton, F	0	0	0
Kirk, C	4	2	10
Castlen, G	1	0	2
Wilson Kirk, G	0	0	0
Schaeffer, F	0	0	0
Parsley, F	2	0	4
Atkinson, C	1	0	2
Huter, G	4	4	12
Heller, G	0	0	0
Embry, G	7	4	18
Taylor, G	0	0	0
	27	10	64

FORT KNOX	FG	FT	TP
Benson, F	1	3	5
Fersh, F	0	0	0
Harvey, C	7	0	14
Meroney, G	4	3	11
Lentz, G	0	1	1
Hahn, F	2	0	4
Pemberton, F	0	0	0
Nolan, G	0	0	0
Karpowich, F	7	4	18
	21	11	53

Hilltoppers To Meet Memphis Team Saturday

The Western Hilltopper basketball team will return to the home hardwood Saturday night to take on one of the toughest of competitors on this year's cage card in a battle with the Naval Air Technical Training Center quintet from Memphis.

It has been announced by Western officials that Saturday night home games will be called for 8:30 o'clock in order to permit attendance by those persons who work late.

The Navy team, featuring Johnny Oldham, of Hartford, a former basketball pastimer at Western, boasts of a strong aggregation and ranks among the top teams of the country again this year.

An estimate of the strength of the Memphis Navy outfit is seen in the fact that Tuesday night the Sailors whipped Murray by the score of 55 to 29, Oldham leading the attack with 19 points. Last season the Memphis five drubbed the hot Symrna Air Base team after the latter had handed the Hilltoppers a 52-37 lacing.

The Naval Training Center crew, which last year scored about 1,200 points, for one of the highest records made by any basketball team, is reported every bit as strong this year.

The Murray club, Western's traditional foe, appeared to be hopelessly outclassed by the Navy boys, judging from Tuesday night's score.

Expected to start for Western Saturday night are Hale and Parsley at forwards; Kirk, at center; Embry and Heller at guards.

Take Early Lead To Subdue Diddle's Crew

By Clarence Daves

Led by big Fred Schaus, former Newark, Ohio, basketeer, tall pivot man who hit for 22 points, the Naval Air Technical Training Center Hell Cats from Memphis, handed Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers a 47-35 defeat in a fast encounter last night at the Western Hardwood.

Schaus garnered 14 of his points in the first half, and John Oldham, former Western player, Navy forward, was second high scorer of the night with 12 points.

Their shooting erratic in the first half, the Hilltoppers staged a scoring spree, after trailing 27-12 at halftime, and got within 7 points of the Memphis boys when the count was 32-25. Four successive goals from the field accomplished this after Oldham made good a free throw to post the books at 32-17.

Displaying some of the cleverest ball-handling ever seen in Bowling Green, the Training Center five started the scoring on Oldham's field goal, after the big forward had missed two straight chances at the 17-foot line on fouls called against Chalmers Embry, Western guard.

Oldham and Lockhart crippled and the score read 6 to 0, but Huter retaliated with Western's first basket and Schaus on a spinner made the count 8-2. Embry made a free toss, which was duplicated by Oldham, and Schaus rung up a crisp shot to put his team out in front 11-3 as the Hilltoppers called time out.

Climbing steadily, on the work of Schaus and Savitt, the latter a reserve forward, the Navy team jumped into a 23-8 advantage with five minutes left of the first half.

Seemingly coming to life in the last half, Coach Diddle's boys began displaying the marksmanship of former teams and constantly threatened to catch up with their service rivals. The locals displayed more aggressiveness and alertness in the final go-round and kept within yelling distance up until the final three minutes.

In a ten-point range with a beautiful shot by William Kirk, center, Western pulled up to a 35-25 margin and with about 7 minutes remaining in the last half got to an eight-point difference when the score read 39-31 for Navy.

Only superior rebounding and handling of the ball sent the Hilltoppers into defeat by the Memphis team.

Three Western players shared the scoring laurels, with nine points apiece; Hale, forward; William Kirk, center and Chalmers Embry, guard.

Memphis Navy (47)				
Pos.	Fg.	Ft.	TP.	
Oldham	F	4	4	12
Lockhart	F	1	0	2
Schaus	C	9	4	22
Ferguson	G	0	0	0
Dean	G	1	2	4
Savitt	F	3	1	7
Brown	G	0	0	0
Steggels	G	0	0	0
		18	11	47

Western (35)				
Pos.	Fg.	Ft.	TP.	
Hale	F	3	3	9
Parsley	F	2	2	6
William Kirk	C	4	1	9
Embry	G	3	3	9
Huter	G	1	0	2
Schaffer	F	0	0	0
Brooks	F	0	0	0
Atkinson	C	0	0	0
Johnson	C	0	0	0
Heller	G	0	0	0
Taylor	G	0	0	0
		13	9	35

Halftime score: Memphis Navy 27, Western 12. Officials: Leon Cook, Bowling Green; Bradford Mutchler, Scottsville.

Navy Fire Sinks Western 47-35

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bewling Green, Ky., Dec. 1.—In a fast-moving fracas that gave a capacity crowd a show, the skillful Naval Air Technical Training Center of Memphis sailed over Western State's Hilltoppers 47-35.

John Oldham, former Western cager, dropped a long one and followed with another field goal to start the Navy quint rolling and by halftime the Sailors were leading by 27-12.

The Diddlemen came back in the second period to pull the margin down to 31-41 with six minutes remaining in the fray, but the Memphis five, sparked by Center Schauf with 22 points, held the Hilltoppers back to take the victory.

The lineup:

N.A.T.T.C. (47) Pos.	(35) Western
Oldham (12) F	(8) Parsley
Lockhardt (2) F	(9) Hale
Schauf (22) C	(7) Kirk
Ferguson G	(2) Huter
Dean (4) G	(9) Embry
Substitutes: N.A.T.T.C.—Sabitt (7), Stettles, Brown.	
Western—Heller, Brooks, Atkinson, Johnson, Schaeffer, Taylor.	

Symrna Taken In Opener

Paced by Hale and Parsley the Western Hilltoppers won their first basketball game of the season Friday night, November 9 by whipping the fast Smyrna Air Base five by a score of 48 to 40.

The Westerners led by 21 to 20 at the first half of their season opener as their forwards kept pace with the more experienced Smyrna cagers. Thomas, center, who hit the

nets for 22 tallies, stood out for Smyrna.

Western (48)	Smyrna (40)
Hale, 16 F	Thomas, 0
Parsley, 14 F	Etsorn, 10
Atkinson, 8 C	Gardner, 22
Heller, 0 G	Puchek, 0
Embry, 8 G	Mulaney, 8
Substitutions, Western—Hankins, forward, 2; Taylor and Huter, guards; Johnson, center; Schaeffer and Brooks, forward.	

Memphis Helcats Beat Hilltoppers By 47-35 ; Score

Western Hilltoppers Beat Fort Knox Quint By

Calhoun Wins From Rams In Overtime Tilt

By HAROLD MISCHEL

Two good basketball games were staged out at the Daviess County High School gymnasium, Thursday night, sponsored by the Jay Cees, for the benefit of the Goodfellows' Christmas Tree and Shoe fund. An overflowing crowd witnessed the contest and the "floor show" given by the famous Collins twins, Ann Jo and Betty Jo, and their pianist, Miss Mayme Johnson, of Western State Teachers college, between the halves of the feature contest.

Western State Hilltoppers beat the Fort Knox soldiers in the main tilt of the evening, 64 to 54. The two teams had battled on even terms throughout the first half which ended with the Toppers in front of a 34 to 33 count.

The Calhoun High Bulldogs who dropped a close decision to the St. Joseph Rams, at Calhoun, recently, evened the count with the Mischelmen here last night as they edged the locals in an overtime tilt, 28 to 26.

Coach Ed Diddle's Westerners' last half drive that saw Maurice Hale, former Daviess County Panther, and Chalmers Embry, former Hartford High Mustang, hitting the basket from all angles of the floor, was too much for the Soldiers to compete with and they fell by the wayside in the last seven minutes of play.

The contest was a thriller from start to finish as first one team then the other would connect for difficult shots from all corners of the gymnasium. The passing performance of the Hilltoppers was outstanding and pleasing to the overflowing crowd that witnessed the contest.

Coach Diddle started an "All Daviess County Five" with Wilson Kirk and Elwood Castlen, at guards, William Kirk, at center, William Crafton and Maurice Hale, at forwards.

Sgt. Anthony Karpowich, All-American guard while at Fordham university, kept the Fort Knox aggregation in the ball game as he registered on almost seemingly impossible shots from various angles on the floor. Followers of the hardwood classic got a glimpse of Western's famous towel waving coach, Ed Diddle, who kept up his "towel waving" throughout most of the contest as he urged his Hilltoppers on to victory.

The lineups:
Western Pos. Fort Knox
Hale, 16 F 6, Benson
Crafton 14 F 14, Harvey
Wm. Kirk, 10 C 11, McRoney
Castlen, 2 G 4, Hahn
Wil. Kirk G 18, Karpowich
Score at half—Western, 34; Fort Knox, 33.

Substitutions—Western — Parsley 4, Adkinson 2, Hunter 12, Embry 18. Fort Knox—Fersh, Bowen, Lentz 1, Robertson, Nolan. Referees—James H. Johnson and Lawrence L. McGinnis, Owensboro.

Toppers Win Over Air Base

Trailing 26-25 at the half way mark, the Hilltopper cagers came through Wednesday night, November 14 to down the 558 Army Air Base unit five by a score of 52-51 in a rough and ready contest at Nashville. The victory was Western's second in two starts.

The game was lively throughout and only sheer determination brought victory to the Toppers who won the hard way. Jim Huter, reserve guard, suffered a broken nose in the melee.

Ed Ehlers, star cager from Purdue, led the scoring with 19 points, but the Hilltoppers' Maurice Hale and Charles Parsley were close behind with 16 and 15 tallies, respectively.

Western		558th Army
Hale, 18	F	Olson, 2
Parsley, 15	F	Sullivan, 9
Atkinson, 0	C	Ehlers, 19
Heller, 4	G	Jarrett, 0
Embry, 8	G	Dare, 10

Substitutions: Western—Schaeffer and Brooks, forwards; Kirk and Johnson, centers; Huter, guard, 4; Hankins, guard, 3; 558th Army—Patterson, forward, 1; Dyer, center; Lauro, guard, 0; Worton, guard, 10.

As I watched Western hustle through two close hardwood victories I couldn't help noticing the one outstanding thing that made the machine click. As pointed out by Coach Diddle, it was sheer, fighting determination. A ball club with spirit like this, won't lose many ball games. "The boys this year may not be the greatest team in Western history, they're one of the 'fightingest'," says Coach Diddle and when the student body realizes this they'll know there's something really wonderful in watching a never-say die fighting team.

WKTC

The manly art of self defense has returned to the Hill with the figure of Coach Diddle outdoing the Great John L. Some of the boys who saw this excellent exhibition in its finer points said it was according to the marquis of Queensbury rule a la Diddle and boys! There was no Sunday punch just a Friday free for all.

WKTC

Coach Diddle journeyed to the Volunteer State last Friday to appear as speaker at the meeting of the West Tennessee Educational Association which met in Memphis.

W. D. Croft, who captained the first football team coached by Uncle Ed is president of the association.

WKTC

A new peak in broken beaks (noses to the un-hep) has been the result of recent sports activity on the Hill. At the rate they have been multiplying we can expect all the men at Western to be social outcasts unless he has a smashed snozzola. Here's hoping it never reaches the place where some unscrupulous character starts to sell them under cover, according to the black market style of former days: "Pssst, buddy, want to buy a broken nose practically never used?" Er Has everybody seen Huter?

Now that western's basketball season has begun to roll it is only proper that good sportsmanship toward our opponents and referee be mentioned. It is not common practice for booing and jeering to accompany the Topper games and this is not the season to start it; it is the season to do away with it altogether. It proves embarrassing to the faculty, student body and the officials.

WKTC

One change on the Hilltopper basketball schedule has been made, according to an announcement by Coach Ed Diddle. The game with the Naval Air Technical Training Center five from Memphis scheduled for Friday night, November 30 at the Western gym has been changed to Saturday night, December 1.

Western is scheduled to play Thursday night, November 29 in a benefit affair at Owensboro against the Fort Knox quintet. Deeming it unwise to play games on two successive nights Coach Diddle moved up the game with the Naval ATTC team.

Westerners Meet Arkansas Razorbacks In Two Games

Seeking to register three basketball victories this week to add to their string of seven, the Western Hilltoppers had their final hardwood rehearsal Tuesday for their invasion of the Southwest in a two-game stand against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks at Little Rock and a return bout with the Memphis Navy team.

The Toppers take on Arkansas Thursday night and Friday night and line up Saturday night against the Memphis Hellcats who whipped them last Saturday night at the Western gymnasium.

In the Arkansas team the Western five is expecting some of its sternest opposition of the season, the Razorbacks reported as having

one of their strongest cage combines this year. One of the Razorbacks' recent victories sported a scoring total of more than 100 points against one of the Navy service teams.

The Hilltoppers, however, are expected to more than give a good account of themselves as they have shown much more power and drive than anticipated early in the campaign.

The Red and Gray cagers enter the Arkansas tilt with a record of seven wins in nine starts, with only one loss counting as a regular season setback. The other was in tournament play when the Westerners were edged by a fast University of Louisville Seacard aggregation at the Ohio Valley tournament in Jeffersonville.

Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback, with the following players, left at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Little Rock: Morris, Heller, Schaeffer, Embry, Gurtner, William Kirk, Johnson, Huter, Parsley, Brooks, Hale, Hummer and Taylor.

Charles Parsley, one of the starting forwards in Western's recent games, has been suffering this week with an attack of influenza, and may be listed as uncertain for the starting lineup Thursday night.

However, if Parsley is unable to start, it is likely that Carroll Brooks will get the nod. Maurice Hale will be at the other forward position; William Kirk, at center, with Heller and Embry drawing the guard assignments.

All of the games will be relayed to Bowling Green fans through facilities of the local radio station.

Western Will Play Razorbacks Tonight

On their first road trip of the regular season, Western Teachers college Hilltopper five will meet the University of Arkansas Razorbacks in the first of two games tonight at Little Rock. The second game will be played Friday night.

The series constitutes the first meetings of Arkansas and Western.

Probable starting lineup for the Hilltoppers will include Hale and Brooks, forwards; William Kirk, center; Embry and Heller at guards.

The Westerners will stop by Memphis on the return trip to tangle with the strong Naval Technical Training Center Hellcats who played in Bowling Green last Saturday night.

Western Nips Army Cagers By 53 to 36

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Richmond, Ky., Nov. 19.—Western Hilltoppers kept alive their early season win stretch here tonight by trouncing a highly-regarded team from Camp Campbell 53-36.

Chalmers Embry, guard, and Maurice Hale, forward, spurred the Hilltoppers in a second half drive after a slow start which saw both teams erratic in shooting and ball handling.

This is Western's last game before the Ohio Valley Tournament in New Albany Friday and Saturday and marks the Hilltoppers fourth straight win in as many starts this season.

Western (53) Pos. (36) C'p C'ball
Heller (2) F (2) Carberry
Embry (14) F (11) Lewis
Kirk (1) C (6) Lindsey
Hale (13) G (2) Dubia
Parsley (10) G (8) Davis

Substitutions: Western—Atkinson (1), Taylor (2), Johnson (2), Shaeffer, Harsley (1), Holmes (2), Brooks (2), Huter (2), Irwin (1), Hankins, Grafton, Davis, Whitefield, Dunning, Castlen, Hummer, Camp Campbell—McCann (3), Ferguson (2), Goodwin (2), Nichetakis, DuFour.
Half-time score 27-16.

Western Packs 4 Wins To Tourney

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 20.—With four victories under their belts, the Western Kentucky State Teachers is sure to rule one of the favorites in the Ohio Valley Collegiate Basketball Tournament which opens Friday in the Jeffersonville, Ind., Fieldhouse.

Drawings for the tourney will be held at noon Friday to determine opponents for the two-day affair. Teams entered are the University of Louisville, Miami U., Marshall College, Kentucky Wesleyan, Western, Morehead, Indiana State Teachers and Georgetown.

Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers appear headed for a successful cage season. Jim Huter of Louisville, Diddle's lone returning veteran, is the nucleus of the squad that includes several former Western athletes discharged from the services.

Among these are George Heller, Chalmers Embry and Carroll Brooks. Charley Irwin of Elizabethtown and Bill Crafton of Owensboro, reserves on last year's squad, also are back.

Western's four triumphs have been over Smyrna Air Base, 558th Army Base Unit at Nashville, the Southern Baptist Seminary and the 10th Infantry Group at Camp Campbell.

Ten Schools To Resume K.I.A.C. Play

Only Transylvania Still Out of Loop

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 19 (AP).—Ten colleges will send basketball squads into Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference competition this season, with three returning to play after wartime idleness.

Transylvania here is the only conference school without a team this year. Net programs have been reactivated at Kentucky Wesleyan, Winchester; Union College, Barbourville, and Centre, Danville. Other competing schools include Georgetown, Berea, Morehead, University of Louisville, coached by Bernard Hickman; Western State (Bowling Green), Eastern State (Richmond), and Murray.

Incidentally, the resumption of the K.I.A.C. tournament will provide a more-or-less officially bestowed title for the conference championship quintet. Heretofore, the crown has been a mythical one, awarded unofficially on the basis of conference standings at the season's end. Under that system it went to the five with the highest percentage despite the number of loop tilts actually played.

The University of Louisville gained the title last season with eight wins and two losses in the league, rating an .800, while two other squads, Morehead and Eastern, winning eight but suffering four setbacks, ranked second with a percentage of .667 each.

The K.I.A.C. tourney is scheduled for Louisville February 21, 22 and 23.

Toppers Beaten In Second Half In Ohio Tourney

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 24 (Spl.).—The University of Louisville's Sea Cardinal basketball team won the first Ohio Valley basketball tournament by downing a scrapping, surprisingly brilliant Western Hilltopper five in the final game last night by 51 to 45 at Jeffersonville, Ind. High school field house.

The Westerners led 30 to 23 at the first half.

The Toppers starting off slowly, gathered momentum after about five minutes and roosted on top of a 30-15 score with about six minutes left in the first half.

It was Knopf, pocket-sized guard, who drew first blood, scoring for Louisville on a free shot after a foul was awarded at the expense of Jim Huter, Western's great guard, but Chalmers Embry, who with the exception of Saturday afternoon's game, has been the high scorer for the Westerners, came right back to put the Toppers ahead 2 to 1.

Hale, Topper forward, threw in a looping fielder to boost the Hilltoppers ahead 4 to 1 and the fireworks had started. A fielder by Knopf made it 4-3, but Hale tipped one in to mark the books at 6-3.

Hauptfuhrer, the big Louisville center, who paced all scorers with 18 points, was fouled, converting at the free throw line and field goals by Kinker, Louisville, Huter, Western and Parker, Louisville, tied the ball game up at 8-8.

Embry put the locals ahead 10-8 and Hauptfuhrer tied the game at 10-10.

Hauptfuhrer, on a jump, increased the pace of the game and put Louisville ahead, but Kinker fouled Kirk, who converted a free throw and the game was tied the third time, at 12-12.

With the score 16 to 13, Western, four consecutive goals by the Toppers, led by Embry, the sensation of this season's play, and the swift-moving Huter, placed the Bowling Green boys ahead 24 to 15 with about 5 minutes remaining of the first half. However Louisville fought back and the half ended with Western ahead 30 to 23.

The teams battled fiercely in the second half, with the score tied twice, at 32-32 and 34-34. Parker, Louisville guard, scored on a one-handed shot to place the Cards in the lead 36-34 and from that point they were never headed, although coming within four points of the champs on several occasions.

Widest margin held by the Louisville was the eight point lead registered at 47-39 by Hauptfuhrer with less than six minutes to go.

Trophies to the champions and runner-ups were presented immediately after the championship battle.

LOUISVILLE (51)	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
Kinker, F.	6	0	13
Kupper, F.	3	1	7
Hauptfuhrer, C.	7	0	18
Johnson, G.	0	0	0
Parker, G.	3	0	7
Garwitz, G.	1	1	2
Knopf, G.	1	0	4
Totals	21	2	51

WESTERN (45)	Fg.	Ft.	Tp.
Parsley, F.	2	1	8
Hale, F.	3	0	7
Kirk, C.	1	1	3
Embry, G.	7	3	15
Huter, G.	6	0	12
Heller, G.	0	0	0
Taylor, G.	0	0	0
Brooks, F.	0	0	0
Totals	19	5	45

Western 1st To Net Finals

Marshall Beaten, 51-45; Louisville Cagers Take On Morehead.

By FRANK W. HARTLEY.

Western Kentucky Teachers' Hilltoppers were first to qualify for tonight's finals of the Ohio Valley collegiate basketball tournament when they eliminated Marshall College of West Virginia, 51-45, in the first semi-final game this afternoon at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse.

Championship action at 8:15 p.m. pits Western against the winner of the University of Louisville-Morehead State Teachers game, which was the second on the afternoon bill.

Western, as was the case in the first-round game yesterday, trailed at the end of the half. This time score was 22-19 against them. Kirk scored 18 and Embry 16 points in Western's win today. About 650 fans took in the semi-finals.

In dropping Georgetown, 61-31, in the opening tilt last night, Morehead uncorked three high-scoring threats in Parker Prater, who counted 19 points; Charles Hawhee, responsible for 17, and Jack Pobst, with 11. Joe Dick Estes, Louisville boy, showed up well for the Tigers.

The Cardinals were able to move along at such a speedy pace because Ed Kupper of Valley and Don Kinker had their respective eyes on the hoops. Kupper counted 14 points and Kinker 17 as Indiana State bowed, 60-39.

Afternoon performances saw Western State come from behind, 13-20, at halftime, to win over Miami University, 32-25, fighting all the way in the last half. Jim Huter, former St. Xavier player, sparked the rally early in the second period. Marshall was just too big and too experienced for Kentucky Wesleyan's game Panthers as the West Virginians won, 58-36.

Line-up and summary:

Louis.	g.	f.	p.f.	tp.	Ind. St.	g.	f.	p.f.	tp.
Kupper	7	0	3	14	Adams	0	0	0	0
Kinker	7	3	17	Cofer	4	4	4	12	
Hauptfuhrer	3	1	1	7	Bennett	0	0	0	
Johnson	0	0	1	4	Lash	0	0	0	
Parker	0	1	1	1	Pearcy	2	2	0	
Garwitz	2	0	2	4	Depeugh	1	0	1	
Knopf	1	0	1	2	Henson	1	0	0	
Huter	0	1	1	1	Berger	1	0	1	
Camie	1	0	0	2	Hooker	3	2	0	
Brand	1	0	2	2	Woosley	1	0	1	
Wellman	2	0	0	4	Cobb	1	0	2	
McIntyre	1	0	0	2	Brown	0	0	0	
					Blair	0	1	0	
					Bowman	0	0	0	
Totals	27	6	17	60	Totals	15	9	39	

Halftime score: U. of L. 28, Indiana State 17. Free throws missed: Louisville—Kinker, Hauptfuhrer 2; Barker, Garwitz, Knopf. Indiana State—Cofer 4, Lash, Depeugh 2, Berger 3, Hooker, Blair.

Officials: Glen Adams, Columbus, Ind., and Hickman Duncan, Nashville, Tenn.

Western Cops Semis, 51-45

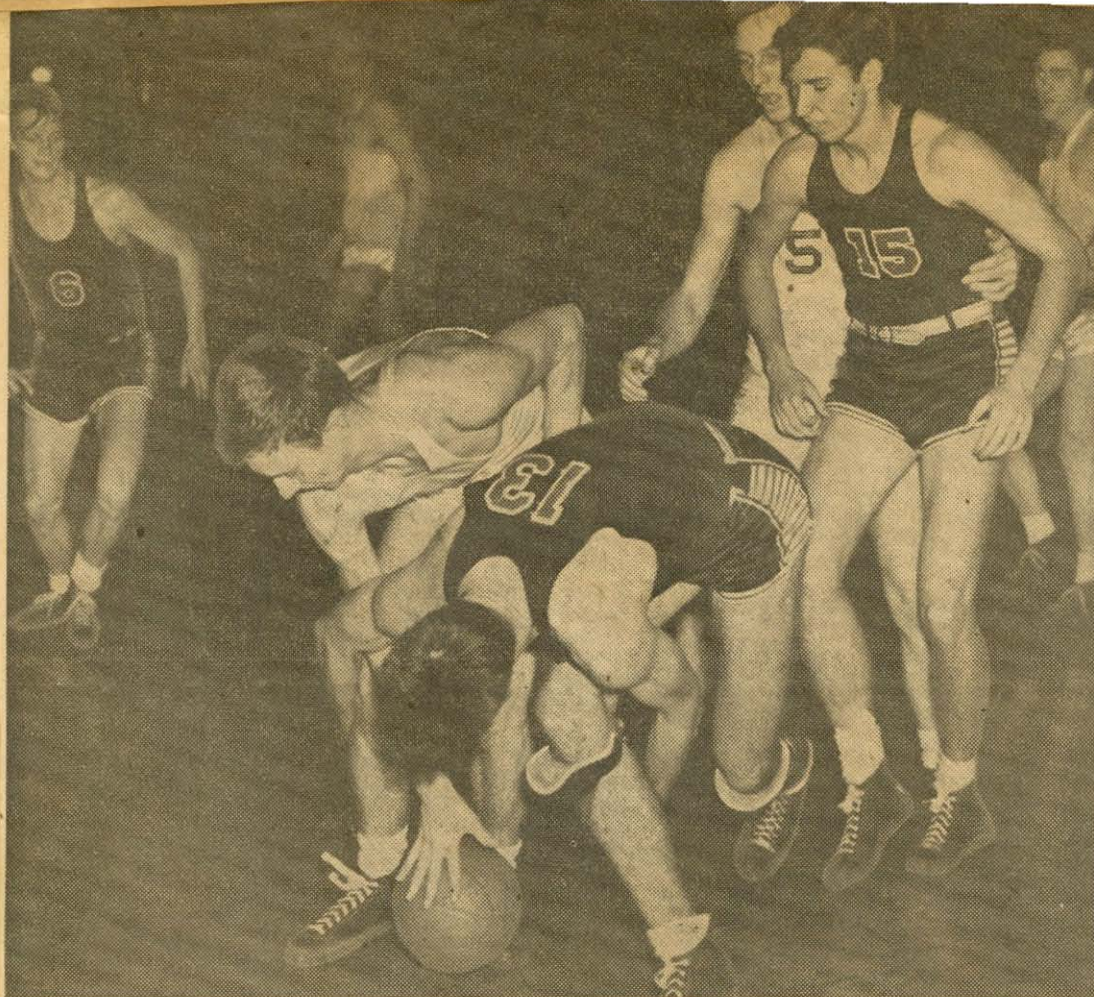
JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., Nov. 24 (AP).—Western Kentucky advanced to the finals of the Ohio Valley basketball tournament here this afternoon with a 51 to 45 triumph over Marshall college.

Western Kentucky and Marshall played a nip-and-tuck battle for the first two periods, and Marshall led at the half, 22 to 19. Western pulled ahead in the last half, however and the closest Marshall came to overtaking its rival was when the score stood 34 to 33 in Western's favor with six minutes to go. From then on Western dominated the play.

The Western cagers advanced to the semi-final round Friday afternoon, when they staged a second-half rally to whip Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, by the score of 32 to 25. The Hilltoppers trailed by 20-13 at the half and with eight minutes remaining of the first half were behind 17-4.

The Westerners tied the score in the second, at 20-20, with 13 minutes left, on Embry's medium distance shot, and went ahead to outplay their Ohio rivals.

A fast-breaking Marshall college eleven triumphed over Kentucky Wesleyan, of Winchester 58-36 in the other first round battle. Morehead stopped Georgetown 61-31 in the first half of the night program and University of Louisville eliminated Indiana State, of Terre Haute by 60 to 39.



C.-J. Photo by Hugh Miller.

WILD SCRAMBLE for basketball finds George Hauptfuhrer (13) of U. L. making a leap for the sphere while teammate Johnny Knopf (6), and McIntyre watch the action which occurred in the U.L.-Indiana State clash in the Ohio Valley tourney at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse last night.

U. L., Western, Marshall, Morehead Win At Jeff

By WALLACE BLAIR, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Peck Hickman's University of Louisville quintet defeated Glenn Curtis' Indiana State Teachers College team of Terre Haute, Ind., 60-39 last night at the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse in the final game of the first round in the Ohio Valley tourney in which was probably the best game of the meet so far. In the first game of the night session, a taller, more mature Morehead Teachers College five showed considerable class in disposing of Brad Jones' inexperienced Georgetown College Tigers 61-31.

WELL PLAYED

In afternoon games, Ed Diddle's Western Kentucky State Teachers College came from behind to eliminate W. J. "Blue" Foster's University of Miami quintet 32-25 and Cam Henderson's Thundering Herd from Marshall College had things pretty much its own way in trouncing a smaller Kentucky Wesleyan team 58-36.

All games were well played and the only disappointment of the tourney so far was the attendance. Approximately 1,800 people turned out for the night session and less than half that number witnessed the afternoon games.

The schedule for today sends Western against Marshall College at 2:15 p.m. and at approximately 3:45 or immediately following the first test, the University of Louisville five will meet Morehead.

COULDN'T MISS

The games promise to be keenly contested from the opening whistle and the experts are saying it will be Marshall College and University of Louisville in the finals at 8:15 p.m. tonight.

In disposing of Indiana State Teachers, Peck Hickman's Boys simply couldn't miss. They car-

ried the game to the Hoosiers all the way and outmaneuvered them to get in for close shots at the hoop and in most cases they made good.

The Sea Cards had more speed, better passing and timing of their screening and in all around play looked great for this time of the season. Poor old Glenn Curtis just didn't have the material but he put a team on the floor that kept trying and with a little better luck on close-in shots might

have made the game more interesting.

In Ed Kupper, Don Kinker and George Hauptfuhrer, University of Louisville has three boys that can go with the best of them.

The four remaining teams seem to each have plenty of scoring punch with Parker Prater and Charles Hawbee of Morehead, Bill Hall of Marshall and Chalmers Embry of Western probably setting the pace on the scoring.

Night Games

Louis.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.	Ind. St.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.
Kupper f.	7	0	3	14	Adams f.	0	0	0	0
Kinker f.	7	3	5	17	Cofer f.	4	4	4	12
Hauptfuhrer c.	3	1	7	1	Bennett c.	0	0	0	0
Johns'n g.	2	0	1	4	Lash g.	1	0	0	2
Parker g.	0	1	1	1	Pearcy g.	2	2	0	6
Garwitz g.	2	0	2	4	Depeugh g.	1	0	1	2
Knopf g.	1	0	1	2	Henson g.	1	0	0	2
Hunter g.	0	1	1	1	Berger g.	1	0	1	2
Cammic g.	1	0	0	2	Hooker g.	1	0	0	2
Brand g.	1	0	2	2	Woosley g.	3	2	0	8
Wellman g.	2	0	0	4	Cobb g.	1	0	2	2
McIntyre g.	1	0	0	2	Brown g.	0	0	0	0
					Blair g.	0	1	0	1
					Bowman g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	17	60	Totals	15	9	8	39

Halftime score: U. of L. 28, Indiana State 17. Free throws missed: Louisville—Kinker, Hauptfuhrer 2, Barker, Garwitz, Knopf. Indiana State—Cofer 4, Lash, Depeugh 2, Berger 3, Hooker, Blair.

Officials: Glen Adams, Columbus, Ind., and Hickman Duncan, Nashville, Tenn.

Morehead.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.	Georgetown.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.
Miller f.	3	0	3	6	Enlow f.	3	0	0	6
Prater f.	3	3	1	19	Estes f.	2	0	3	4
Hawbee c.	6	5	1	17	Morris c.	0	0	0	0
Poest g.	5	1	1	11	Earle g.	4	0	1	8
Tucker g.	1	0	1	2	Venerable g.	2	1	0	5
Carlson g.	0	2	0	2	Kurk g.	0	0	1	0
Nichols g.	0	0	0	0	Belh g.	2	0	1	4
Wiggins g.	0	0	0	0	Haslock g.	2	0	0	4
Allen g.	2	0	1	4	Smith g.	0	0	0	0
Eaton g.	0	0	0	0	Hays g.	0	0	0	0
McRan'r g.	0	0	0	0					
Worusch g.	0	0	0	0					
Totals	25	9	8	61	Totals	15	1	9	31

Halftime score: 25-12. Free throws missed: (Morehead) Miller, Prater, Hawbee 2, Gorbach; Georgetown) Enlow 5, Morris, Venerable and Kurk.

Officials: Frank White and Ray Kraesig, both of Louisville.

Afternoon

West'n.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.	Miami.	g.	f.	pf.	tp.
Hale f.	2	2	3	8	Marqu'rd f.	1	0	2	2
Parsley f.	3	0	0	6	Ball f.	3	1	1	7
Atkinson c.	0	0	0	0	Bowman c.	0	0	4	0
Heller g.	1	0	1	2	Snodgrass g.	4	1	1	9
Embry g.	4	1	3	9	Perry g.	0	1	1	1
Brooks g.	0	0	0	0	Roll g.	0	0	3	0
Gurtner g.	0	0	0	0	Porter g.	0	0	1	0
Taylor g.	0	0	0	0	Swartz g.	0	0	0	0
Huter g.	2	0	1	4	Hess g.	2	0	0	4
Johnson g.	0	0	0	0	Ryan g.	1	0	0	2
Schaffer g.	0	1	0	1	Deshon g.	0	0	0	0
Crafton g.	0	0	0	0					
Holmes g.	0	0	0	0					
Kirk g.	1	2	0	4					
Aikins g.	0	0	0	0					
Totals	13	6	8	32	Totals	11	3	13	25

Halftime: Miami 20, Western 13.

Free throws missed: Hale 4, Atkinson, Brooks, Gurtner, Huter, Kirk 3, Marquard 2, Ball, Bowman, Snodgrass 4, Terry 2.

Officials: Polly Kraesig and Charles Vettner.

Marshall	g.	f.	pf.	tp.	W'sley'n	g.	f.	pf.	tp.
Hall f.	11	1	1	23	Gillespie f.	2	2	2	2
Petrone f.	3	1	3	7	Wheeler f.	1	1	1	1
Conley c.	0	2	0	2	Littrell c.	2	3	1	7
Tk'vich g.	4	0	3	3	Th'sb'ry g.	0	0	0	0
Little g.	1	0	2	2	Woods g.	6	1	1	1
Rodak g.	4	0	3	3	Campbell g.	1	0	0	2
Mosser g.	3	0	1	6	Higgins g.	0	0	0	2
White g.	0	0	2	0	Rose g.	1	1	1	3
Zilla g.	0	0	1	0	May g.	1	0	0	2
Carter g.	1	0	1	2	Rich'dson g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	17	58	Totals	14	8	10	36
Half-time	score: Marshall				38,	W'sley'n 30			

Halftime score: Marshall 36, Wesleyan 17.

Free throws missed: Hall, Petrone 2, Conley 2, Tonkavich 2, Little, Zilla, Wheeler 2, Littrell 3, Woods 4, Rose, Richardson.

Officials: Frank White and Red Duncan.

Western Nosed Out By Cards By 51-45

U.L. Spills Western 51-45 For Ohio Valley Crown

Sea Cards Wear Down Reserve-Weak Hilltoppers In Second Half After Diddle Five Grabs Early Lead

By WALLACE BLAIR, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

It was a case of the teacher instructing the pupil too well when the University of Louisville quintet coached by Peck Hickman, one of Ed Diddle's most able students, defeated Western Kentucky State Teachers College 51-45 in the final of the Ohio Valley tourney last night in the Jeffersonville Fieldhouse.

U. of L. gained its victory the hard way, coming from behind after trailing 30-23 at the half.

The foxy Diddle brought along so many players (17 to be exact) that someone remarked he brought along the student body of Western but apparently he had only five players capable of playing in fast company for he went 34 minutes in the final game before he made a substitution.

Carroll Brooks replaced Maurice Hale with six minutes to play and was in the contest less than a minute when Hale returned. A minute later Jim Huter, former Louisville St. Xavier star, who played a whale of a ball game all night, developed a charley horse and was replaced for two minutes by George Heller. Huter later returned and in driving in for his team's last field goal injured his leg again and was replaced by John Taylor.

SMART PLAYER

Hickman, who, Diddle says, was one of the smartest players he ever coached, must have known his alma mater was weak on reserve strength. From the time the ball was thrown up the first time until the final gun, he had his boys breaking fast and keeping the tempo as fast as Western would permit. Peck used nine men, seven of whom were on a par, and chose to try to outrun his former teacher.

Western succeeded in slowing U. of L. down in the first half by means of some long distance shooting and a mass defense under the basket that kept the Sea Cards outside a 17-foot zone. The Cards couldn't hit from out there and they couldn't get in close. Western was handling the rebounds on Louisville's back board and then concentrating on ball handling.

Western led the first ten minutes of the ball game by one to three points and the Sea Cards managed to tie the score at 6, 8, 10 and 12 before the Hilltoppers, led by Huter, Chalmers Embry and Charles Parsley, ran the score to 30-15 with six minutes to play in the first half.

HIGH MAN

George Hauptfuhrer, who paced all scorers with 18 points, and Ed Kupper scored two baskets each to cut the margin to 30-23 before the teams went to the dressing rooms.

After a little talk with Hickman, the Sea Cards came back to run the score to 32, while Maurice Hale, fouled by Bob Garwitz, was making a point at the line for Western. Charles Parsley evened the score at 32 when Don Kinker pushed and Embry, who did some accurate shooting all through the tourney, gave the Hilltoppers their last lead of the

game, 34-32, with a basket from mid-floor.

Hauptfuhrer, fouled by Parsley, leveled the score at 34 and Ace Parker hit from 17 feet out to give the Cards the lead they kept the remainder of the game. Louisville extended the lead to 43-34 before Embry meshed the net again. Parsley's free throw and Embry's basket from dead in the corner made the score 43-39, the closest Western got in the last ten minutes of the game.



Peck Hickman
Pupil taught master

Lineups

Louisville	g.	f.	pf.	Morehead	g.	f.	pf.
Kupper f.	1	1	2	Miller f.	5	3	3
Kinker f.	1	0	2	Prater f.	2	0	0
Hauptfuhrer c.	2	1	5	Hawhee c.	1	3	3
Johnson g.	2	0	0	Pobst g.	7	3	3
Parker g.	1	1	0	Tucker g.	0	0	0
Knopf	2	3	4	Carlson	1	0	0
Garwitz	5	2	3	Wiggins	0	0	0
Cammie	0	0	2				
Brand	2	1	3				
McIntyre	1	0	1				
Welman	0	0	1				
Huter	0	0	1				
Totals	23	9	23	Totals	16	9	13

Half-time score: Louisville 27, Morehead 13. Free throws missed: For Louisville—Kupper 2, Kinker 2, Hauptfuhrer 2, Parker 2, McIntyre 1, Brand 1. For Morehead—Miller 4, Prater 5, Hawhee 4, Pobst 2, Tucker 1, Wiggins.

Officials: Glenn Adams, Columbus, Ind.; Edgar McNabb, Fort Mitchell, Ky.

Western 51	g.	f.	pf.	Marshall 45	g.	f.	pf.
Hale f.	2	1	2	Hall f.	4	1	0
Parsley f.	4	0	4	Petrone f.	3	2	5
Kirk c.	8	2	2	Rodak c.	3	1	3
Huter g.	1	2	5	Tonkavich g.	4	1	2
Embry g.	8	0	0	Little g.	1	0	0
Heller	0	0	0	Conley	2	0	0
Atkinson	0	0	0	Mosser	1	0	0
Brooks	0	0	0	Carter	2	0	0
				White	0	0	0
Totals	23	5	13	Totals	20	5	10

Western 51, Marshall 45.
Half-time score: Marshall 22, Western 19. Free throws missed for Marshall: Hall 6, Petrone 2, Rodak 2, Mosser 1, Carter 1. For Western: Hale 1, Parsley 1, Kirk 4, Embry 2.

Officials: Raymond Kraessig, Louisville; Hickman Duncan, Nashville.

Lo'ville	fg.	ft.	pf.	Western	fg.	ft.	pf.
Kupper f.	3	1	1	Hale f.	3	1	3
Kinker f.	6	0	4	Parsley f.	2	4	3
Hauptfuhrer c.	7	4	0	Kirk c.	1	1	1
Knopf g.	1	2	2	Huter g.	6	0	2
Garwitz g.	1	0	2	Embry g.	7	1	2
Parker	3	1	0	Brooks	0	0	0
Johnson	0	0	1	Heller	0	0	0
Cammie	0	1	0	Taylor	0	0	0
Brand	0	0	0				
Totals	21	9	10	Totals	19	7	11

Halftime score: Western Kentucky 30, University of Louisville 23.

Free throws missed: Louisville—Kinker 3, Cammie 1. Western—Parsley 1, Kirk 2, Huter 1, Embry 4.

Officials: Hickman Duncan, Nashville, Tenn.; Frank White, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Western showed the effect of a tough semi-final game in the afternoon with Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., when it was forced to come from behind in the second half to win 51-45 after trailing 22-19 at intermission.

The Sea Cards defeated Morehead State Teachers College in the other semi-final game pretty much as it wanted to, winning 55-41 after leading at one time in the first half 27-7 and was on top 27-13 at the half. Hickman used all twelve men in uniform in this game with his regulars playing less than half the game.

An all-Tournament team selected by the press includes Kupper, Don Kinker and George Hauptfuhrer of University of Louisville; Chalmers Embry, Charles Parsley and Jim Huter of Western; Andy Tonkavich and Bill Hall of Marshall College; Jack Pobst of Morehead Teachers College and Doyle Cofer of Indiana State Teachers College.



BOXED IN by U. of L. cagers Ed Kupper (8) and George Hauptfuhrer (13), Charley Parsley (96) of Western looks desperately for a possible receiver in play in the Ohio Valley Basketball Tournament at Jeffersonville Fieldhouse last night. Watching the action is Bob Garwitz (11) of the Sea Cards. U. of L. defeated Western 51-45 to win the tourney.

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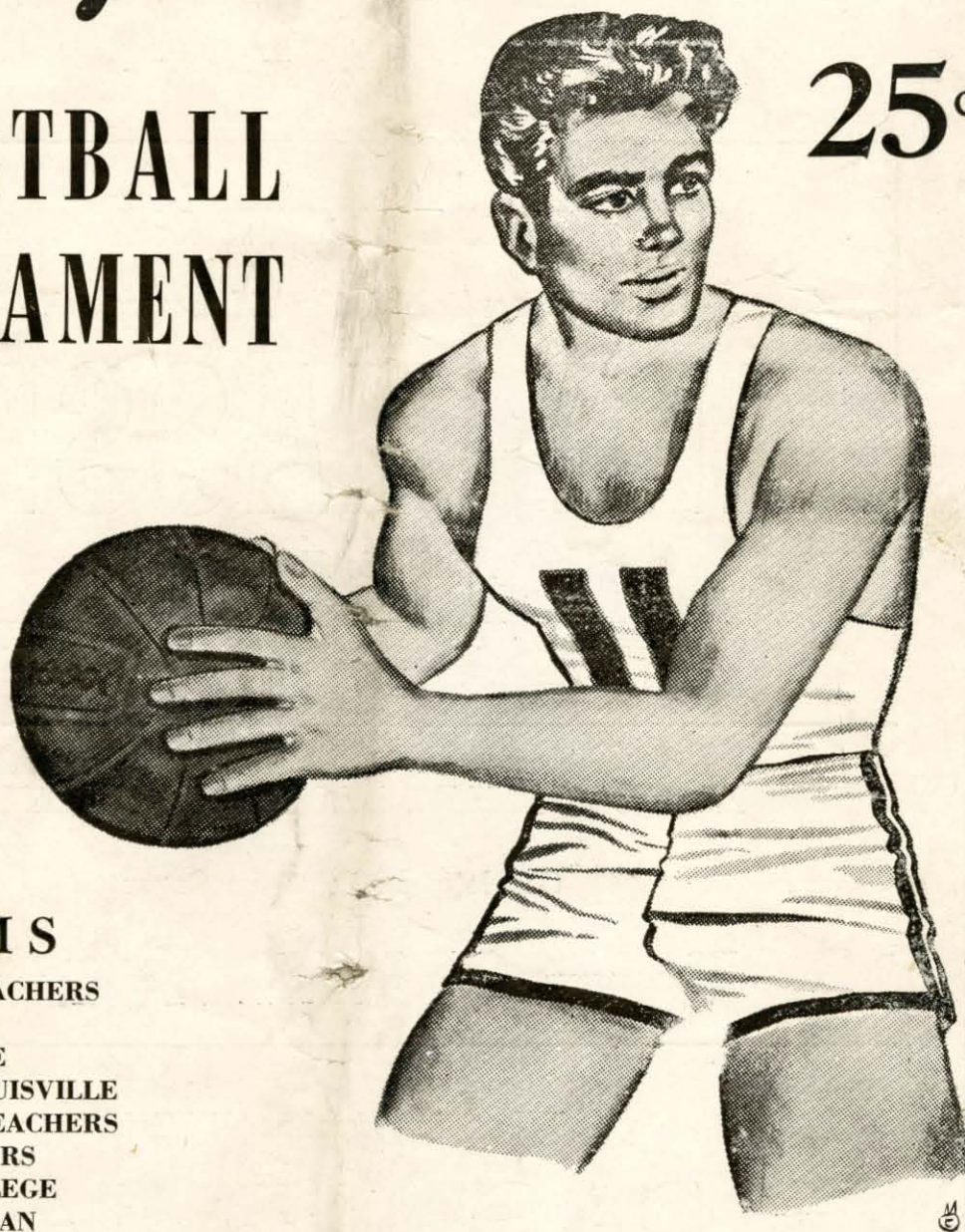
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Toppers Lose Close One To e Plants

Razorbacks Beat Western

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 8.—(P)—The unbeaten University of Arkansas Razorbacks scored their fourth consecutive victory of the basketball season here last night as they defeated Western Kentucky Teachers 67-38.

George Kok, six-foot, ten-inch center, scored 25 points for the victors, making most of his baskets on follow shots. "Parson Bill" Flynt, veteran guard, and Melvin McGaha scored 15 points apiece.

The Kentuckians made a battle of it at the start, and the game was seven minutes old before Arkansas started to pull away to lead at the half, 28-17.

It was the second victory in two nights for the Arkansas team over the Kentuckians.

W. Kentucky	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hale, f	5	1	4	11
Hummer, f	1	0	0	2
Parsley, f	1	3	3	5
Shaffer, f	1	1	2	3
Morris, c	1	1	4	3
Kirk, c	1	0	0	2
Huter, g	1	0	2	2
Parish, g	1	1	1	3
Embry, g	1	2	3	4
Heller, g	1	1	1	3

Totals	FG	FT	PF	TP
Arkansas	14	10	20	38
McGaha, f	4	7	3	15
Kearns, f	2	0	3	4
Wheeler, f	0	0	1	0
M. Schumchik, f	1	0	3	2
Kok, c	11	3	2	25
Horton, c	0	0	0	0
F. Schumchik, g	1	0	0	2
Flynt, g	6	3	4	15
Byles, g	2	0	2	4
Claborn, g	0	0	0	0

Totals	FG	FT	PF	TP
Arkansas	27	13	18	67
Western Kentucky	17	10	20	38

Free throws missed, Hale, Parsley 2, Shaffer, Huter 2, Parish 2, McGaha 6, Kearns 2, F. Schumchik. Officials: Alvin Bell (Vanderbilt) and Cliff Shaw (Arkansas).

Western Whips Fort Knox Five

Western's basketball team hung up its seventh victory, November 29, in downing a Fort Knox quintet by a score of 64 to 53 in a benefit tilt at Owensboro. It was another of those battles with the outcome in doubt until the waning minutes.

Chalmers Embry racked up 18 points for the Red and Gray, trailed closely by Maurice Hale who garnered 16. Anthony Karpowich, a former Fordham University flash, registered 18 of the Fort Knox points.

Western led by the score of 34-33 at the halfway mark.

WESTERN	FG	FT	TP
Hale, F	8	0	16
Crafton, F	0	0	0
Kirk, C	4	2	10
Castlen, G	1	0	2
Wilson Kirk, G	0	0	0
Schaeffer, F	0	0	0
Parsley, F	2	0	4
Atkinson, C	1	0	2
Huter, G	4	4	12
Heller, G	0	0	0
Embry, G	7	4	18
Taylor, G	0	0	0

FORT KNOX	FG	FT	TP
Henson, F	1	3	5
Fersh, F	0	0	0
Harvey, C	7	0	14
Meroney, G	4	3	11
Lentz, G	0	1	1
Hahn, F	2	0	4
Pemberton, F	0	0	0
Nolan, G	0	0	0
Karpowich, F	7	4	18

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Memphis Team Nips Western By 47 To 40

MILLINGTON, Tenn., Dec. 8 (Spl.)—Playing on more than even terms in the first half and keeping in scoring range all of the second, the Western Hilltopper quintet bowed to a classy Memphis Navy Hellcat five in a close contest here tonight by the score of 47 to 40.

Showing more drive and defensive ability than in previous games, the Toppers met the Navy thrusts equally in most of the first session, which saw the score tied three times in the first 10 minutes.

Shouse, the Navy team's leading scorer who topped all offensive efforts of the night with 14 markers, opened the torrid game with a gratis toss awarded on William Kirk's personal foul. Jim Huter, Western's rugged little guard, quickly sank a short shot and gave the Diddlemen one of the only two leads they held, at 2-1.

John Oldham knotted the count at 2-2 on a free throw and Shouse hooked in a fast one, followed with Savitt's crisp shot to put the Hellcats ahead 6-2.

Hale and Kirk, Western forward and center, respectively, tied things up at 6-6 and seconds later Hale on a jump shot, gave Western its other margin of 8-7.

Chalmers Embry, guard, and Kirk narrowed the count at 18-17, with about nine minutes left of the first half and that was as close as the locals came.

The Navy boys took a lead of 28-18 off the court with them at the first half, after a last minute shot by Marshall, substitute for the Hellcats.

Their shooting eyes much more effective in the Navy game than perhaps at any other time this season, the Hilltoppers were able to make things interesting all of the second half, as Hale and Kirk led the attack.

The Westerners fought gallantly only to remain at a 10-point deficit until, with seven minutes left of the last half, they trailed only five points, after shots made by Huter, Hale and Kirk. The Hellcats called time out at this juncture, when the score read 40-35.

Throwing up a superior defense the Navy five managed to hold their younger rivals at bay from five to seven points for the remainder of the tilt.

Hale, with 12, and Kirk, who tallied points paced the Western scorers.

The Red and Gray basketballers will close their four-game road trip at Paducah Monday night, when they tangle up with the cagers of Southern Illinois Normal, of Carbondale.

Mem. Hellcats (47)	FG	FT	TP
Oldham, f	3	1	7
Savitt, f	3	0	6
Shouse, c	5	4	14
Dean, g	4	3	11
Ferguson, g	1	0	2
Lockhard, f	1	0	2
Marshall, f	1	0	2
Steggels, g	1	1	3
Brown, g	0	0	0

Western (40)	FG	FT	TP
Hale, f	6	0	12
Parsley, f	3	2	8
William Kirk, c	4	2	10
Embry, g	3	0	6
Huter, g	2	0	4
Heller, g	0	0	0
Parrish, g	0	0	0
Taylor, g	0	0	0

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Toppers Beaten In Last Half Ohio Valley Tourney

After winning their first two tilts in the Ohio Valley Blind Basketball tournament held in Jeffersonville, Indiana, Western's Hilltoppers went to the finals to be beaten by the University of Louisville Seacards by a narrow margin of 51-45. Western's previous games had been with the strong quintets of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (32-25) and with Marshall college, Huntington, West Virginia (51-45).

The Toppers started off slowly in the last game of the tournament to gain momentum after about five minutes and to roost on top of a 30-15 score with about six minutes left in the first half. However, Louisville fought back and the half ended with Western ahead 30 to 23.

The teams battled fiercely in the second half, with the score tied twice, at 32-32 and 34-34. Parker, Louisville guard, scored a one-handed shot to place the Cards in the lead 36-34 and from that point they were never headed, although coming within four points on several occasions.

Widest margin held by the Louisvilleans was the eight-point lead registered at 47-39 by Hauptfuhrer, who led all scorers with 18 points.

Trophies to the champions and runners-up were presented immediately after the championship battle.

LOUISVILLE (51)	FG	FT	TP
Kinker, F	6	0	13
Kupper, F	3	1	7
Hauptfuhrer, C	7	0	18
Johnson, G	0	0	0
Parker, G	3	0	7
Garwitz, G	1	1	2
Knopf, G	1	0	4

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WESTERN (45)	FG	FT	TP
Parsley, F	2	1	8
Hale, F	3	0	7
Kirk, C	1	1	3
Embry, G	7	3	15
Huter, G	6	0	12
Heller, G	0	0	0
Taylor, G	0	0	0
Brooks, F	0	0	0

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Memphis Hellcats Beat Hilltoppers

Led by big Fred Schaus, former Neward, Ohio, basketball who hit 22 points, the Naval Air Training Center Hellcats from Memphis, handed Coach Diddle's Hilltoppers a 47-35 defeat in a fast encounter on the Western hardwood, Saturday night, December 1.

Their shooting erratic in the first half, the Hilltoppers staged a scoring spree, after trailing 27-12 at the halftime, and got within 7 points of the Memphis boys when the count was 32-25. Four successive goals from the field accomplished this after Oldham, a former Western player and now forward for the Memphis team, made a free throw to post the books at 32-17.

Seemingly coming to life in the last half, the Diddlemen began displaying the marksmanship of former teams and constantly threatened to catch up with their service rivals, keeping within yelling distance until the final three minutes.

Three Western players shared scoring laurels, with nine points apiece; Hale, forward, Kirk, center and Chalmers Embry, guard.

Memphis Navy (47)	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Oldham	F	4	4	12
Lockhard	F	1	0	2
Schaus	C	9	4	22
Ferguson	G	0	0	0
Dean	G	1	2	4
Savitt	F	3	1	7
Brown	G	0	0	0
Steggels	G	0	0	0

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Western (35)	Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Hale	F	3	3	9
Parsley	F	2	2	6
William Kirk	C	1	1	9
Embry	G	3	3	9
Huter	G	1	0	2
Schaffer	F	0	0	0
Brooks	F	0	0	0
Atkinson	C	0	0	0
Johnson	C	0	0	0
Heller	G	0	0	0
Taylor	G	0	0	0

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Western Will Play Razorbacks Tonight

On their first road trip of the regular season, Western Teachers college Hilltopper five will meet the University of Arkansas Razorbacks in the second of two games tonight at Little Rock. The series constitutes the first meetings of Arkansas and Western.

Probable starting lineup for the Hilltoppers will include Hale and Brooks, forwards; William Kirk, center; Embry and Heller at guards.

The Westerners will stop by Memphis on the return trip to tangle with the strong Naval Technical Training Center Hellcats who played in Bowling Green last Saturday night.



Reading from left to right: Betty Joyner, Betty Jo and Anna Jo Cook, Harold Logsdon.

Porkers Top Teachers, 66-46; Quintets Tangle Again Tonight

THE boys who play basketball for Bowling Green's Western Kentucky Teachers College probably have as much confidence in their ability to get the leather through the hoops as anybody else—but today the Hilltoppers do not think too much of their chances of licking the high-scoring Razorbacks from the University of Arkansas when the two clubs get together in the final fracas of their two-game series on the Robinson Auditorium hardwood tonight, starting at 8:15.

Looking a little ragged around the edges, which is not unusual for a bunch of boys who have played only two ball games, the Porkers rattled the rims for an easy 66-46 decision in the curtain-raiser last night. Nearly 2,000 cage customers sat in on the proceedings, most of them dropping in to watch George Kok, the Hogs' version of the Empire State Building.

Looking the front-row balcony customers straight in the eye, the lanky lad from Grand Rapids, Mich., put on a pretty good show. Although his marksmanship is still a little rusty, the big boy dropped, batted and pitched 22 points into the buckets, which was tops for the evening. Seventeen of the tallies were poured in during the first half, and the All-Southwest Conference center picked up five more before he graced the bench early in the second session.

Being a good six inches taller than anybody else on the floor, Kok also controlled the leather off both backboards without even hoisting himself on tip toes. Coach Ed Diddle, who bosses the Kentuckians, is wondering today just what his boys can do to halt the Arkansas skyscraper.

Bill Flynt Stars.

Without Kok, Coach Gene Lambert's cages would have had an interesting evening. However, Kok was not the only star in the Porkers' triumph. "Parson Bill" Flynt, former Beebe and Ouachita College ace, played a great ball game for the Fayetteville five, steadying the nervous Hogs in the early stages of the scrap. Dependable, "Shufflin' Bill" was the coolest man on the floor. Little Rock's smooth Mel McGaha and Kenny Kearns also turned in good performances for the Porkers, both chalking up 12 points.

Embrey Faces Losers.

For the Kentuckians, ex-Marine Charles Embrey pushed Kok for individual scoring honors with a 20-point spree, most of his shots flying in from outside the circle. Embrey tallied 10 points in the final five minutes after Lambert had jerked his first stringers. Hale, Huter and Morris battled gamely to keep their club in the battle, but they just couldn't compete with Kok and Company.

Porkers Never Headed.

After Tony Byles had netted a couple of gift tosses in the opening seconds of the struggle, the Razorbacks were never headed. Poor passing, numerous fumbles marred the first few minutes of action, but midway in the opening half, Kok, McGaha and Kearns managed to pile up a 17-8 margin for the Razorbacks. Then Kok went on a spree, shoved the Hogs out in front, 31 to 19, at intermission.

Midway in the second period, Arkansas was out in front, 54 to 28, but after that the Porkers only pitched in 12 points in the last 10 minutes. The plucky Kentuckians took advantage of the Arkansas lapse, rolled up most of their points.

WESTERN KENTUCKY.					FG	FT	PF	TP
Parsley, forward	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	4
Schaeffer, forward	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	4
M. Hafe, forward	2	0	2	4	2	0	2	4
Parrish, forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morris, center	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
Kirk, center	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Atkinson, center	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Heller, guard	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	2
Huter, guard	2	0	2	4	2	0	2	4
Johnson, guard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, guard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embrey, guard	9	2	1	20	9	2	1	20
Brooks, guard	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3
Totals	20	6	13	46	20	6	13	46

ARKANSAS.					FG	FT	PF	TP
McGaha, forward	5	2	1	12	5	2	1	12
Wheeler, forward	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
M. Schumchik, forward	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kearns, forward-center	6	0	2	12	6	0	2	12
Kok, center	9	4	2	22	9	4	2	22
Flynt, guard	3	2	4	8	3	2	4	8
Horton, guard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Byles, guard	1	2	2	4	1	2	2	4
F. Schumchik, guard	1	2	0	4	1	2	0	4
Claborn, forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	14	14	66	26	14	14	66

Halftime score: Arkansas 31, Western Kentucky 19.

Hilltoppers To Play Tonight

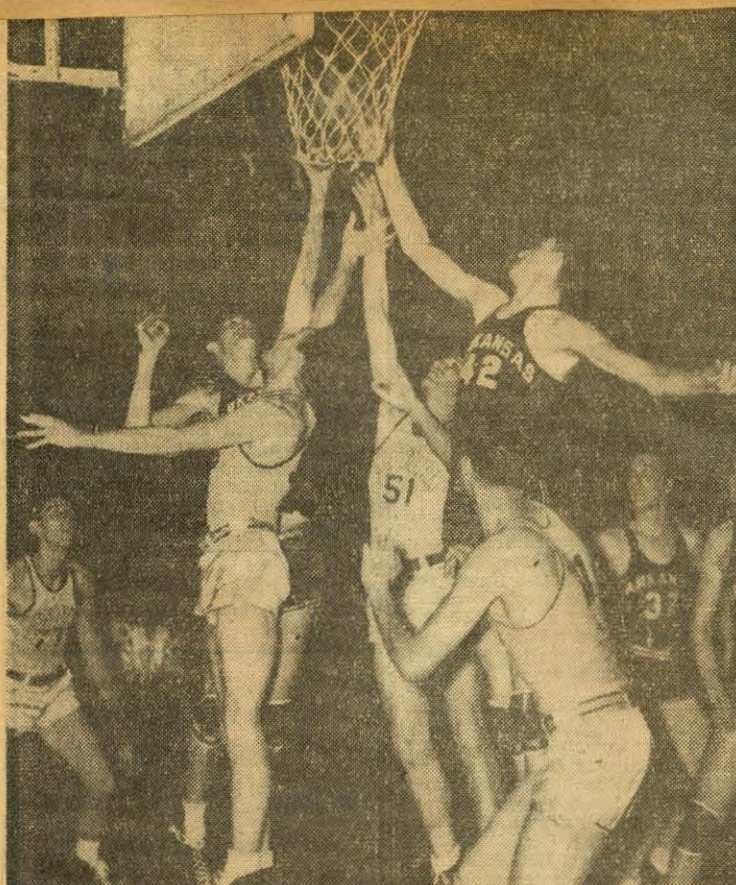
The Western Hilltoppers quintet will seek Victory No. 6 in 10 regular season starts tonight when they line up against an outfit from Southern Illinois Normal, of Carbondale, in a tilt at Paducah.

The game marks the close of a four-game road trip for Coach Ed Diddle's boys, who will take a jaunt this weekend to Ohio and West Virginia.

Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin, of Illinois, has five returning letter men with whom he expects to field a strong aggregation. However, the Maroons may use the services of a newcomer, Gene Cunningham, from whom Coach Martin is expecting top-flight play.

No comparison was available today on the strength of the Western team and the Illinois five.

Coach Diddle is expected to start his regular line up of Hale and Parsley, forwards; Kirk, center; Embrey and Huter at guards.



HERE'S HOW KOK DOES IT—George Kok, six foot, 10 inch Arkansas giant, is shown above as he outjumped everybody else on the floor to bat in two points to help the Porkers conquer Western Kentucky here last night. Kok, who is No. 42, outleaped Hale (No. 51), Huter (No. 77) and Morris (No. 71) of the Kentucky club. The two Porkers shown are Flynt (No. 37), and Kearns, who is jumping for the ball.

Westerners Meet Arkansas Razorbacks In Two Games

Seeking to register three basketball victories this week to add to their string of seven, the Western Hilltoppers had their final hardwood rehearsal Tuesday for their invasion of the Southwest in a two-game stand against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks at Little Rock and a return bout with the Memphis Navy team.

The Toppers take on Arkansas Thursday night and Friday night and line up Saturday night against the Memphis Hellcats who whipped them last Saturday night at the Western gymnasium.

In the Arkansas team the Western five is expecting some of its sternest opposition of the season, the Razorbacks reported as having

one of their strongest cage combines this year. One of the Razorbacks' recent victories sported a scoring total of more than 100 points against one of the Navy service teams.

The Hilltoppers, however, are expected to more than give a good account of themselves as they have shown much more power and drive than anticipated early in the campaign.

The Red and Gray cagers enter the Arkansas tilt with a record of seven wins in nine starts, with only one loss counting as a regular season setback. The other was in tournament play when the Westerners were edged by a fast University of Louisville Seacard aggregation at the Ohio Valley tournament in Jeffersonville.

Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback, with the following players, left at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Little Rock: Morris, Heller, Schaeffer, Embry, Gurtner, William Kirk, Johnson, Huter, Parsley, Brooks, Hale, Hummer and Taylor.

Charles Parsley, one of the starting forwards in Western's recent games, has been suffering this week with an attack of influenza, and may be listed as uncertain for the starting lineup Thursday night.

However, if Parsley is unable to start, it is likely that Carroll Brooks will get the nod. Maurice Hale will be at the other forward position; William Kirk, at center, with Heller and Embry drawing the guard assignments.

All of the games will be relayed to Bowling Green fans through facilities of the local radio station.

Razorbacks Whip Toppers By 66 To 46

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 7—(P)—The University of Arkansas Razorbacks tangle again tonight with the Western Kentucky Teachers after ripping through to a 66-46 victory on the basketball court last night in the opening test of the two-game series.

The Razorbacks chalked up their third cage victory in as many starts as six-foot, ten-inch George Kok, Arkansas center, tallied 22 points in 29 minutes to top individual scorers. He was followed closely by Western Kentucky's elusive guard, Chalmers Embry, who amassed 20 points.

The Razorbacks began scoring two minutes after the game began and were never behind or seriously pressed as they pulled away.

Western Ky.					FG	FT	PF	TP
Parsley, f	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	4
Hale, f	2	0	2	4	2	0	2	4
Parrish, f	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shaffer, f	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	4
Brooks, f	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
Morris, f	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
Kirk, c	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Atkinson, c	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Embry, g	9	2	1	20	9	2	1	20
Heller, g	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	2
Huter, g	2	0	2	4	2	0	2	4
Johnson, c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor, g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	6	13	46	20	6	13	46

Arkansas					FG	FT	PF	TP
M. Schumchik, f, c	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
McGaha, f	6	0	2	12	6	0	2	12
Kearns, f	5	2	2	12	5	2	2	12
Wheeler, f	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	4
Kok, c	9	4	2	22	9	4	2	22
Flynt, g	3	2	4	8	3	2	4	8
Byles, g	1	2	2	4	1	2	2	4
Horton, g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F. Schumchik, g	1	2	0	4	1	2	0	4
Claborn, g	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	14	14	66	26	14	14	66

Halftime score: Arkansas 31, Western Kentucky 19.

Free throws missed, Hale, Parrish, Morris, Embry, Huter 2, Brooks 3; Kearns, Kok 4, Byles, Claborn. Officials: Cliff Shaw (Arkansas) and Alvin Bell (Vanderbilt).

Hilltoppers Extend Unbeaten Navy Team

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 8—(P)—The Hellcat basketball team of the Naval Air Technical Training center kept up their winning ways tonight, annexing victory No. 10 at the expense

of Western Kentucky State Teachers by a count of 47 to 40.

The Tutors got away on top and midway in the first half held a 17 to 14 margin over the sailors before Guard Johnny Dean got hot with some under-the-basket shots. Lanky Fred Schaus followed suit and Navy took command.

Lineups:

NATTO 47	Pos.	Western 40
Oldham 8	F	Parsley 8
Savitt 6	F	Hale 12
Schaus 11	C	Kirk 10
Dean 11	G	Huter 2
Ferguson 2	G	Embry 8
Substitutions—Memphis: Lockard 2, Marshall 2, Steggle 3, Brown 2; Western: Parish, Heller, Taylor.		

ARKANSAS DEFEATS BOWLING GREEN, 66 TO

SKYSCRAPING KOK, FLYNT, McGAHA TOO MUCH FOR VISITORS

The Western Kentucky Teachers ran into a growing boy who stands mesh high to the wicket, and their efforts from a respectable six feet in altitude were never enough as the Arkansas Razorbacks defeated the quintet from Bowling Green, 66 to 46, in the Hogs' first college contest before 2,500 at the Auditorium last night.

The six-10 stretch of George Kok, the Grand Rapids giant, was a large part of the difference as the Porker center tossed in 22 points. He made 17 the first half and left after nine minutes following intermission when Arkansas commanded a 26-point margin.

Kok has to share credit with Bill Flynt, the parson who used to play for Beebe, Melvin McGaha, an aggressive, hustling forward, and Ken Kearns, who tallied a dozen points along with Melvin. Ball-stealing Bill made eight.

Embry Scores 20. Charles Embry, a guard just out of the Marines, carried the burden for the Hilltoppers with 20 points. Most of his goals came late in the game as Gene Lambert withdrew his regulars.

Razorbacks Off in Front. Arkansas seized the advantage early, despite a flurry of fumbles and miscues that never ended altogether. Tony Byles made two free shots and McGaha dribbled in alone for a 4-to-0 edge. Joe Morris got the visitors on the board, then Kok made three points. Morris added a free throw before Kok again clicked from the pivot. Embry soon cut the margin to 6-to-9, then McGaha pitched in two goals and Kok one for a 15-to-6 lead after 10 minutes.

Kok's work widened the advantage to 31 to 19 at the half, and the Porkers pulled away quickly after the rest.

The Porkers lacked the luster and polish they showed last year. Their shooting wasn't their best. But it was their first college game, only their third outing of the season, and half of the veterans Lambert used have been out just a week.

The teams play again at 8:15 tonight.

WESTERN KENTUCKY	FG	FT	PF	TP
Parsley, forward	2	0	1	4
Schaeffer, forward	2	0	0	4
M. Hale, forward	2	0	2	4
Parrish, forward	0	0	0	0
Morris, center	1	2	1	4
Kirk, center	0	1	1	1
Atkinson, center	0	0	2	0
Heller, guard	1	0	2	2
Huter, guard	2	0	2	4
Johnson, guard	0	0	0	0
Taylor, guard	0	0	0	0
Embry, guard	9	2	1	20
Brooks, guard	1	1	1	3

TOTALS	FG	FT	PF	TP
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Flynt, guard	3	2	4	8
Horton, guard	0	0	0	0
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Claborn, forward	0	0	0	0

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Byles, guard	1	2	2	4
F. Schumchik, guard	1	2	0	4
Claborn, forward	0	0	0	0

Free throws missed: Kearns, Kok 4, Byles 2, Claborn, M. Hale, Parrish, Morris, Huter 2, Brooks 3.

Officials: Bell and Shaw.

Doors to the gym will open at 6:15 tonight, at which time more than 1,000 general admission tickets will go on sale at 76c each. Less than 75 reserved seat tickets remained unsold this morning, but there were plenty of choice general admission seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

More than a hundred Kuttawa high school fans are coming to support their Lions in the preliminary tilt with Heath, while a large number of Heath backers were also expected to be on the scene.

Concerning the reserved seats, Sections B and C are on the south side of the gymnasium, while Sections F and G are on the north, or Tilghman side. Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are assisting The Paducah Sun-Democrat Charities, Inc., tonight.

Western Favored Over Southern Illinois

Large Crowd Expected At College Game

Western's Hilltoppers, by virtue of their improved play against Memphis NATTC Saturday night, rule decided favorites tonight in their battle with Southern Illinois, at the Tilghman gym.

The feature game will probably get underway about 8:30 with a pre-lim involving Heath and Kuttawa high schools starting at 7:15 p. m.

Coach Ed Diddle's Toppers came into town Sunday reeling from successive defeats at the hands of a superdreadnaught University of Arkansas team and the Memphis naval outfit. But Diddle was far from dismayed.

"Our kids played very good ball in Memphis Saturday night, and except for a few costly mistakes,

DE PAUL-MURRAY DUCATS TO GO ON SALE TONIGHT

Reserved seats for the college basketball game between De Paul university and Murray State college, set for Monday night, January 14, will go on sale tonight between halves of the Western-Southern Illinois game. The seats sell for \$1.80 each, including tax.

would have beaten this Navy team," he said. "I think we're gonna be pretty tough tonight, and the boys are getting pretty tired of getting kicked around."

Diddle was very happy that Southern Illinois won't present a stratospheric giant at center. For it was seven-foot George Kok who really put the quietus on any hopes Western might have had to beat Arkansas. He opined that Southern Illinois would be a tough foe to beat, but that his youngsters would be "ready and raring to go."

Western's entire squad took full benefit of yesterday to get a lot of rest. It was a pretty tired group of young fellows that came to Paducah at noon Sunday, but all the boys were rested and looking forward to a chance to get back on the victory trail tonight.

Diddle plans to start Maurice Hale, a freshman with a very good eye for the hoops at one forward, and Charles Parsley, ex-London high school ace, at forwards. Either six-foot, eight inch Jim Morris or Bill Kirk, who starred for Daviess county high last year, will perform at center. Chalmers Embry and Jim Huter or George Heller will be at guards.

Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin, of Southern Illinois, was looking for improved play by his boys over their Saturday night affair with Murray.

Martin was glad Western wouldn't have too many tall men in its starting lineup, although he feared the potential power of Morris. Dick Foley, ace Southern guard who missed the Murray tilt, will be back in the lineup tonight, Martin said.

The Maroon starting quintet will consist of Sam Milosevich at center; Leedio Cabutti and Don Sheffer at forwards; Foley and Dick Harmon at guards. A couple of other youngsters—Carl Birkner and Glen Stotlar—will also see a lot of action. Both Birkner and Stotlar were on athletic scholarships at the University of Kentucky last summer, but left the Bluegrass section for Carbon-dale.

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers, after a disastrous week-end at the hands of the Madison Square Garden-bound University of Arkansas Razorbacks, came to town today, and Southern Illinois Normal University's veterans Maroons get here Monday afternoon for their all-important college cage battle in the Tilghman gymnasium Monday night.

The game will be preceded by a high school clash between the Kuttawa and the improving Heath Pirates. This tilt will start at 7:15 o'clock. Doors will open at 6:15 o'clock, an hour before the first game.

The Western-Southern Illinois tilt, the first of three college games scheduled in Paducah this year, is sponsored by the Sun-Democrat Charities, Inc., for the benefit of the Polio Fund. While most of the reserved seats have been sold, a few choice ones still remain and will be on sale Monday at the business office of The Sun-Democrat. More than a thousand general admission tickets, selling for 76c each, tax included, will go on sale at 6:15 however.

The game shapes up as a battle between a veteran team from Illinois and a crew of Hilltoppers who have played teams out of their class most of the year. The Toppers gained valuable experience in games with the University of Louisville, Memphis NATTC, and the University of Arkansas at the ex-

Smyrna Army Air Base, and Berry Field. Southern Illinois suffered a 71-66 setback at the hands of the super-team from Wright Field, Ohio, but his team is rated as one of the top rooms into third place in the National Interscholastic tournament at Kansas City last spring. Coach Glenn "Abe" Martin will start fast-moving little Ledio Cabutti, ex-Johnson City star, at one forward, and Don Sheffer, an all-Illinois collegiate player for the past two seasons, at the other; Sam Milosevich, on the All-American second squad last season, at center, and Dick Harmon, a demon rebounder, and smooth-passing Dick Foley at the guards.

The high-scoring Illinois boast of a fast-break plus an effective checking defense. Coach E. A. Diddle plans to start elongated Jimmy Morris, who starred for Calhoun high school two years ago, at center, although Bill Kirk, ace Daviess County high star last year, also will see a lot of action. The 6-foot, 9-inch Morris will give Western a decided height ad-

Western, Southern Illinois Clash Mor

pense of their record. Western, however, has won five games to date over such outfits as Marshall, Miami University of Ohio, Fort Knox, Monday night that pushed the Ma-

How They Will Line Up

No.	Ht.	Western Ky.	Pos.	Southern Ill.	No.	Ht.
51	6-1½	HALE	F.	CABUTTI	4	5-9½
17	6-½	SCHAEFFER	F.	SHEPHER	13	6-2½
28	6-9	MORRIS	C.	MILOSEVICH	13	6-1½
77	5-11	HUTER	G.	HARMON	7	6-1½
27	5-10½	EMBRY	G.	FOLEY	8	6-1

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antage over Southern Illinois. At the forwards will be two freshmen for whom Diddle forecasts a bright future—Maurice Hale, all-State cager from Daviess County high and Charles Sheffer, an all-Ohioan from Salem. At the guards will be Jim Huter of Louisville, the only letterman in the starting crew, and Chalmers Embry. Embry played freshman ball at Western three years ago, and then entered the Marine Corps. He was a star at Hartford high school. Other Western players who may see action are Irvy Hummer, Joe Davis Johnson, John Taylor, Charles Parrish, Carroll Brooks, Ben Guttner, Charles Parsley, and George Heller.

Kentucky Colleges Have Bad Week

By the Associated Press.

Most Kentucky quintets were on the listening end of court arguments last week as the Christmas holiday recess neared.

Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers, yet to enter play in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, suffered three setbacks, while Georgetown annexed two losses, and Louisville, Murray and Kentucky Wesleyan one apiece.

Western bowed first to Southern Illinois, 53-48, at Paducah last Monday, then experienced two more blowouts while still on the road. At Huntington, W. Va., Friday night, the Hilltoppers fell a 56-40 victim to Marshall, and proceeded to Athens, Ohio, where Ohio University handed them the shore end of a 65-42 score.

SAME NIGHT

Eastern, in its lone scheduled tilt last week, trounced Kentucky Wesleyan, 74-53, Monday, while Morehead edged Marshall, 46-41, on the same night in an overtime game.

Season Laid To View Classic

By JOHN R. BROWN

In one of the biggest home attractions of the season Marshall's Big Green basketball team plays host to the power-laden Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in the East high school gymnasium tonight at 8 o'clock.

C. H. "Jackie" McKown, Marshall's graduate manager of athletics, has announced doors will be opened at 7 P. M. in order to accommodate the overflow crowd which is expected to pack the little gym. Western always has been a big drawing card in Huntington, and with the war ended an even larger turnout is anticipated.

Western Vets Return

The Hilltoppers, supported by the return of three members of last year's team which split a pair of games with the Herd, have seven discharged servicemen back in uniform and are said to be boasting one of their strongest teams in recent years. In a game against Marshall in the pre-season Ohio Valley tournament in Jeffersonville, Ind., the Toppers downed the Green, 51-45.

Since then, however, both clubs have gained valuable experience. Marshall is a great deal smoother than it was in the tournament, and

Bernie Hickman's Louisville Seacards found the going easy at Georgetown last Tuesday night and leveled the Tigers, 80-23. In a nip-and-tuck scramble Saturday, however, the Cards were clipped, 62-59, by Indiana.

In other contests, Southeast Missouri Teachers taught Murray a 35-34 lesson, and the soldiers of Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, edged Georgetown, 52-47.

Louisville and Eastern, however, continued to pace activity in the K.I.A.C. with three wins apiece, while Morehead followed with two.

No K.I.A.C. contests are scheduled until January 3, although Western will tangle with Miami University tomorrow (Tuesday) night at Oxford, Ohio in the lone game scheduled this week by a K.I.A.C. school.

Standings:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Louisville	3	0	1.000
Eastern	3	0	1.000
Morehead	2	0	1.000
Centre	1	1	.500
Georgetown	1	3	.250
Union	0	1	.000
Murray	0	1	.000
Berea	0	1	.000
Wesleyan	0	2	.000

Western Loses 65-42

Athens, O., Dec. 15 (AP)—Ohio University won its third basketball game in as many starts by defeating Western Kentucky 65-42 tonight. The Bobcats broke away to an early lead and had the visitors behind a 32-17 score at halftime.

Ohio was paced by forward Kenny Walters, an East Liverpool, O., Army Air Force veteran, who tallied nine field goals and four free throws for 22 points. Close behind was another Army veteran, Bob "Fizz" Miller, whose six field goals and five charity points netted him 17 points.

Kentucky trailing for the entire game, had a scoring spree early in the second half and came to within eight points of the Ohio squad, but the rally was short-lived.

Ohio (65)	fg.	ft.	pf.	West. (42)	fg.	ft.	pf.
Miller	6	5	17	Hale	5	0	10
Walters	9	4	22	Parish	1	0	2
Sayre	1	0	2	Parsley	1	3	5
Dickey	5	1	11	Kirk	1	2	4
Lasker	1	0	2	Huter	3	1	7
Gregg	3	1	7	Embry	6	0	12
Brandle	1	1	3	Heller	1	0	2
Bolmer	0	1	1				

tonight's contest very likely to be a different story. At Jeffersonville the Herd was leading until minutes before playing time expired. Then they fell behind and were unable to overtake the speeding Hilltoppers.

Pell May Start At Center

The only new announcement from Marshall today was one hinting that George Pell may start at center tonight. Pell turned in a great performance at Morehead Monday night when he replaced the injured George Conley, and Head Coach Cam Henderson may give him the opening assignment ahead of lanky Joe Rodak, who has seen considerable action at that position this year.

Although Western Coach Ed Diddle has said Charley Atkinson will hold down his center position, there is a strong probability he may call on Bill Kirk, sensational six-foot-three-inch middle-man, who has led Hilltopper scorers in several games this year. Kirk is known as a great rebound man and has uncanny ability as a scorer.

In the past two seasons Western has captured three of four games from the Green. During that same period they have scored 208 points, as compared with 197 for Marshall. This comparison proves the intensity of the rivalry. The exceptionally-tall Toppers are installed as favorites tonight, but the Herd

Western Loses

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 14 (AP)—Marshall College's Thundering Herd basketball team won its fourth regular season game tonight by plastering a 56-40 defeat onto the visiting cagers from Western Kentucky.

The victory gave the Marshall cagers some revenge for a defeat they suffered at the hands of Western Kentucky in the pre-season Ohio Valley Tournament at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Hall led Marshall in its onslaught on the baskets. He tallied nine field goals for eighteen points to garner high scoring honors for both sides. Tonko-

vich, Marshall guard, scored four field goals and four free throws for 12 points.

The high scorer for the Kentuckians was Embry, who tallied 13 points.

The score at the halftime was Marshall 34 and Western Kentucky 21.

Marshall	fg.	ft.	pf.	Western	fg.	ft.	pf.
Hall	9	0	3	Hale	2	1	5
Petrone	1	3	4	Parsley	3	2	2
Rodak	4	2	4	Morris	1	2	4
Tonkovich	4	2	4	Embry	5	3	4
Little	2	1	2	Huter	0	3	3
Pell	1	0	5	Kirk	0	3	1
Carter	2	0	1	Heller	0	0	1
Brown	0	0	1	Schaeffer	1	0	0
White	0	0	0	Harsley	0	0	0
Bias	0	0	0	Whitfield	0	0	0
Totals	23	10	20	Totals	13	14	19

Score at the half: Marshall 34, Western 21.

Free throws missed: Marshall—Tonkovich, Little, each missed one; Petrone 2, Rodak and Hall each missed three.

Western Kentucky: Morris and Embry each missed one; Parsley 2, Huter 3.

MARSHALL IN LEAD EARLY

By FRED BURNS

Marshall's scoring twins, Bill Hall and Andy Tonkovich led the way last night at the East gymnasium as the Big Green chalked up a 56-40 triumph over the Hilltoppers from Western Kentucky while an overflow crowd saw Coach Cam Henderson's quintet ring up their fourth win of the season against one defeat.

Hall and Tonkovich got plenty of scoring assistance from Joe Rodak, center, who kicked in with ten points and also set off the Marshall rally which put the Big Green in command from the start.

A roaring crowd which packed every inch of the East gym saw the Big Green rush down the floor after the opening tip-off with Rodak tipping in the first field goal in less than 30 seconds.

It was just a few moments later when they were back again and at this time Guard Ed Little took a set shot from the side and swished it through. This four point edge delighted the Marshall fans who were expecting a tight battle all the way and they roared louder when Hall stole the ball and on a fast break play passed to Pete Petrone who flipped it in for Marshall's 6-0 lead after one minute and 30 seconds of play.

Coach Ed Diddle's Hilltoppers were having trouble getting a good shot as the Green was using a pressing zone defense. However Jim Huter, star Western guard, cashed in on two free shots when he was fouled by Petrone. Another fast break play, Petrone to Hall, gave Marshall another fielder and an 8-2 edge.

At this point the Hilltoppers found the range and Chalmers Embry hit for a goal. Then Hall found the net for a fielder and Tonkovich added a foul. Forward Charles Parsley flipped in a one-hander for Western and Huter made a nice pass to Embry for a close shot which he made good. This cut Marshall's lead to 11-8 but this three-point difference was as close as Western ever got.

Western hung on even after Hall and Little hit for goals to make it 15-8. Then Huter's goal and Maurice Hale's foul shot made it 15-11. From here the two teams traded baskets to run the score to 19-11 before Rodak got two in succession for Marshall. Foul shots by Kirk and Huter made it 23-17 and Marshall headed into a rally which netted them a 13-point advantage at half time. Hale tipped in a goal and Kirk added two foul shots before the half ended to give Western 21 points but Rodak and Tonkovich caged foul shots then Rodak, Hall, and Carter hit for field goals before Tonkovich ended the first half scoring with a field goal and a foul. Marshall led at the half 34-21.

Diddle's quintet was never able to recover from this handicap and in fact could never get a sustained rally going. On one occasion, late in the game Western did cage three straight field goals while Marshall was getting but one foul and only on one other occasion, early in the game, were they able to get as many as two fielders, while holding Marshall scoreless.

With Petrone operating down the middle of the fast break and Hall on the left and Tonkovich on the right, the Big Green looked a little faster than they had on other occasions this season. Then too, their ball handling in their front court moved with what looked like a little better precision.

Anyway they were able to work several set plays on Western and that's something very many teams can't do against a Diddle coached team.

The Big Green continued their blistering pace in the second half and midway of the period ran their advantage to as much as 20 points. Eleven minutes of the second half had been played when Marshall enjoyed a 48-28 edge.

Rodak, who took care of the center spot in place of the injured George Conley, might make it difficult for Conley to get his job back when his ankle heals. Rodak flipped in 10 points just two behind Tonkovich but Hall was high with 18.

Don Brown, junior forward who was slated for a regular job before he broke a bone in his foot, got in the game for a little while but of course was not quite up to his performances of last season. When he is able to go a full game Marshall should be considerably strengthened.

Marshall	G	F	P	TP
Hall	9	0-3	3	18
Petrone	1	3-5	4	5
Rodak	4	2-5	4	10
Tonkovich	4	4-5	0	12
Little	2	1-2	2	5
Pell	1	0-0	5	2
Carter	2	0-0	1	4
Brown	0	0-0	1	0
White	0	0-0	0	0
Bias	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	10-20	20	56

Western	G	F	P	TP
Hale	2	1-1	5	5
Parsley	3	3-4	2	8
Morris	1	2-3	4	4
Embry	5	3-4	4	13
Huter	1	3-6	3	5
Kirk	0	3-3	0	3
Heller	0	0-0	1	0
Schaeffer	1	0-0	0	2
Harsley	0	0-0	0	0
Whitfield	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13	14-27	19	40

Score at the half: Marshall 34, Western 21.

Western 37-27

Oxford, Ohio, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Western Kentucky State Teachers took the lead after the first minute of tonight's basketball game with Miami University and then never were heard as they defeated the Redskins 37-27.

Miami scored the first field goal but lost the lead in short order.

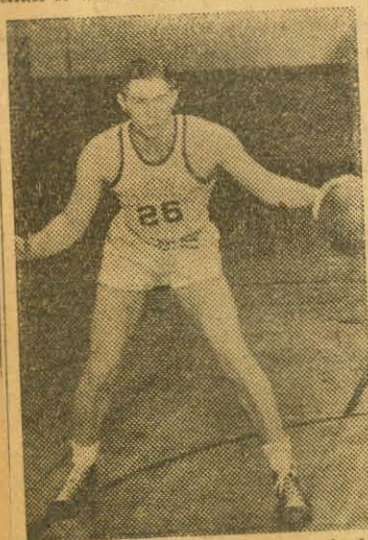
Chalmers Embry, guard from Hartford, Ky., was top scorer for the victors with 13 points. Forward Dave Daniels of Wilmington notched nine points for Miami.

W. Ky. (37)	fg.	ft.	tp.	Miami (27)	fg.	ft.	tp.
Hutner	2	2	6	Ball	1	0	2
Schaeffer	1	1	3	Daniel	3	3	9
Kirk	0	3	3	Porter	1	3	5
Morris	2	3	7	Wettig	2	0	4
Heller	1	1	3	Bowman	2	3	7
Embry	5	3	13	Marquard	0	0	0
Parrish	1	0	2	Mohler	0	0	0
Totals	12	13	37	Totals	9	9	27

Score at halftime: Kentucky 22, Miami 10.

Officials: Tehan and Benn.

HILLTOPPERS MEET HERE TO



Bill Kirk, six-foot-three-inch center, may start at that position tonight when the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers oppose Marshall's Big Green at East high. The big center has been a main-spring in the Hilltoppers' attack all season.

DePaul To Play Here On January 12

It has been announced by Coach Ed Diddle of the Western Hilltoppers that Coach Ray Meyer's DePaul university basketball team, featuring "Big George Mikan" will play Western in Bowling Green Saturday night, January 12 at 8 o'clock. The game, an "extra special," was arranged after the Western basketball schedule had been made out. The Hilltoppers originally were carded to meet the Blue Demons in Louisville.

Local Fans To See Nation's No. 1 Quintet

By Clarence Daves

The biggest basketball show perhaps ever brought to Western Teachers college gym, and affording possibly the only opportunity for hundreds of local fans to see a "Big Time" basketball team in action, has been provided by Coach Ed Diddle in the appearance at Bowling Green January 12 of the DePaul University basketball team, featuring Big George Mikan.

The Saturday night thriller, scheduled for 8 o'clock is a special attraction put on the Hilltopper card long after the Western schedule was made out. It is "extra special" enough that no season tickets will be honored or reduced prices for high school ball players offered. All comers will pay a standard price, or to be more exact, the same price, to see the most colossal cage tilt ever scheduled locally. The price of admission? One dollar plus federal tax, everybody paying \$1.20.

Coach Diddle, in his announcement of the year's feature game, explained that there would be no reserved seats; it will be a matter of "first come, first served."

The DePaul date with Western was originally scheduled for a Louisville hardwood, but Coach Diddle grabbed a chance to give Bowling Green basketball fans a real treat when he worked out a plan to bring the Blue Demons to Western's court.

The Hilltop five will make its first home appearance after the holidays against Evansville college on Saturday night, January 5, and will go to Cookeville, Tenn. January 9 for a joust with Tennessee "Poly," but interest in the Western-DePaul tilt will put those games in the "back seat" classification.

The Hilltoppers will meet DePaul for the fourth time, in their game at Bowling Green. This year is also Mikan's fourth year, so as matters stand, the Toppers won't be in for a team they don't know something about and at least a time or two they would have done better than a close second if they'd had the services of Oren McKinney.

DePaul holds the edge, but at the same time, the Diddlemen have a 6 foot 9 inch center they may utilize to make things look equal when the teams take the floor.

Nobody is saying what will happen; some may be assuming; but to decide the argument, seeing the teams in action will be the only way of being certain.

Reports from the DePaul basketball handbook list other outstanding ball players, but locally everybody is wanting to see "Big George." It must be acknowledged that the possibility of staging such a game in Bowling Green is a result of the work of Ed Diddle and his aides. To them go the credit. The picture now is that the Western gymnasium will have its largest crowd in history.

Although starting lineups for both outfits will be announced at another date, the following introduction of DePaul players is given today:

Captain George Mikan:—All set for the greatest basketball season of his career is George Lawrence Mikan, who for the second season in a row was named PIC magazine's "Player Of The Year"; Chicago stadium's "Most Valuable Cager" and a member of every All Star team polled throughout the nation. Mikan, who is 6 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 230 pounds, made 558 points last year to lead all of the nation's scorers.

Gene Stump:—This boy's tremendous offensive talents pushed him into second in scoring only to Big Mikan. Last season, "Stumpy," as he is known, blistered the backboards for 266 points, with a game average of more than 11 points. Stump is 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds.

Jack Allen:—A real defensive genius on the squad, Jack "Shots" Allen returned to DePaul a bit taller and certainly a great deal more experienced after his first season of play when he won the praise of all opposing coaches. The lean, wiry, slick ball-handling guard, who stands at 6 feet and weighs 150 pounds, scored 172 points last season to rank fourth on the Demon squad.

Ernie DiBenedetto: Played his usual, hard and dependable game for DePaul last season, holding forth at his forward spot in every one of DePaul's 24 games. The last of four returning regulars, "Benny" is having a hard time holding his job this season, but sees plenty of action. Bespectacled, but powerfully built at 6 feet tall and weighing 175, "Benny" has attained plenty of athletic and scholastic honors at St. Phillip High school and DePaul university.

Ted Furman:—A young man, who showed definite signs of becoming a Demon great last season, catches the eyes of those present at scrimmages. Originally of Notre Dame, Furman came to DePaul following his medical discharge from the Marine Corps. He stands 6 feet 2 inches and is one of the most popular players on the squad.

Other squad members are: Tom Niemera, the slim, 6 foot 1 inch 155-pound forward; Jack Phelan, 6 foot 5 inch, 215-pound center; Eddie Mikan, 6 feet 7 inches and weighing 215 pounds, is working hard to prove that George is not the only good player in the team.

Comerford, Tony Barbaric and Dick Starzyk.

Meanwhile, the Western Hilltoppers will not be minus the services of their high-scoring forward, Maurice Hale who was not accepted by the Army and will remain here. Word has it that "Big Ike" Morris, 6 foot 9 inch center, is beginning to find his place in the "Western" sun and if he shows continued improvement will give local cage filberts no occasion for regret.

Hilltoppers Will Meet Evansville On Saturday

Coach Ed Diddle's Western bas-

keteers will make their first home appearance in many weeks when they line up Saturday night against the strong Evansville college Purple Aces at the Western gymnasium. The game, first for the Toppers after the Christmas holidays, is carded for 8 o'clock.

The Evansville five boasts a win over Marshall college, registering a 46-43 decision in a game played at the Aces floor Wednesday night. The Indiana team's record for the year is outstanding, according to Coach Diddle's information.

The Aces have played about 16 games thus far, winning all but two or three of them. They return practically a veteran team, it has been learned here.

Perhaps the leading cog in the Purple Aces machine is Brown, 6 foot 1 inch forward, who returns along with such stalwarts as Englebright, forward, also in the 6-foot category; Scott, 6 foot 4 inch center; Jones, guard, at 5 feet 11; Stubbs, guard, 6 feet; Chappelle, guard; Keener, center and Whipple, forward.

Western Loses Close Battle To Evansville

Score Tied 7 Times; Hoosiers Rally Near End

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 5.—Coach Ed Diddle's Hilltoppers lost a close hard-fought game at Western gym tonight to a flashy Evansville band of hoopsters by 44-40 in a game that was a nip-and-tuck affair until the final gun.

The score was tied seven times and it was in the final six minutes of play that Evansville won out.

The first half was brought to a 21-21 deadlock when Evansville's Englebright, ace forward, looped one in from the center of the floor just as the gun sounded. The score had been tied four times previously in that half.

FREEZES BALL

With eight minutes to go, Western led 39-33. At this point, Jim Huter, Western guard, went out on fouls and Evansville pulled into a 40-39 lead with about five minutes remaining. Evansville boosted the lead to 44-39 with all but two minutes of the game gone, and then successfully froze the ball the remainder of the way.

Embry led Western with 12 points. Jim Huter held Evansville's Brown, third high scorer in the nation, to eight points.

Western (40) Pos. (44) Evansville
Hale (6) F. (8) Englebright
Parsley (6) F. (8) Brown
Morris (5) C. (4) Scott
Embry (12) G. (3) Jones
Huter (8) G. (8) Stubbs
Substitutes: Western—Kirk 3, Hogan, Parrish, Brooks, Heller, Evansville—Chappelle 4, Keener 9.

Toppers Beat Tennessee Five By 60-31 Score

The Western Kentucky Teachers college Hilltopper basketball team won its seventh regular season victory last night at Cookeville, Tenn., in whipping the Tennessee Poly Golden Eagles by a score of 60 to 31. Chalmers Embry, lanky Western guard, burned up the nets for 20 points while playing in only a part of the rugged contest.

Maurice Hale, flashy forward for Western, tallied 13 points. Butler, forward, and Bothrick, guard, each scored five for the Eagles.

The Tennessee team made but very little showing against the Hilltoppers first five which was removed from the game with seven minutes left.

The Diddlemen led at the half by a score of 34 to 16. Embry's 20 points brought his scoring total to 240 points for 19 games. Tennessee Tech is tentatively scheduled to return the game at Bowling Green January 30.

The Westerners face DePaul Saturday night at Bowling Green and also play at home Tuesday night when they meet the Eastern Teachers five.

Western (60)	Tenn. Poly (31)
Hale, 13	F Terry, 4
Brooks, 10	F Butler, 5
Kirk, 10	C Morris, 4
Heller, 0	G Alexander, 0
Embry, 20	G Fletcher, 4

Subs: Western—Morris 2, Huter 3, Hogan 2. Poly—Hall 2, Bothrick 5, Baker 3, Hall 2, Forkum 2.

It is estimated that about 12,000,000 low-income persons who paid tax on 1945 income will pay no tax on 1946 earnings.

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Tickets Now On Sale For Saturday Tilt

George Mikan, Rated
As Nation's Top Star,
Will Be Feature

By Clarence Daves

All of the important basketball talk around Bowling Green this week is in the interest of the Western - DePaul game Saturday night.

Local cage fans are in, if they wish, for the 'biggest time' basketball game ever seen in these parts. The reason? "Big George" Mikan. Any guy that can score between 20 and 30 points a game is certainly worth watching.

MIKAN FEATURE

Many Bowling Green citizens will have their only opportunity of seeing just such a monster in action. They will have that chance, but the best idea will be to "get your tickets early."

Sale of tickets down town for the DePaul game started this morning at 10 o'clock at C. D. S. Drug Store No. 6. The ducats, in charge of "Bill" Hill, Western representative, will go at the same price for everybody, \$1 plus federal tax, which means everybody, even from five-year-old kids on up, will pay \$1.20.

DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:45
No season tickets will be honored, since the DePaul feature is an "extra special" game carded by Coach Diddle long after the Western basketball schedule was made out. Coach Diddle, in bringing the Blue Demons to Bowling Green, was able to bring the game away from the Louisville floor, for which it was originally scheduled, and give Bowling Green cage followers a real basketball dish and eliminate some of the monopoly the city of Louisville has on big time teams. Bowling Green fans are urged to buy their tickets before Saturday.

The Western coach reminded that the standard price of \$1.20 would be in effect for everybody and called attention to high school ball players that reduced prices for them would not prevail for this particular game.

The De Paul team will arrive in Bowling Green Friday afternoon on the first lap of a West Kentucky journey which will see the Blue Demons in Paducah Monday night for a game with Murray State Teachers college.

The Blue Demons, whose record is spotted with three recent losses, in games with Illinois, Minnesota and a close one with Notre Dame, will rule the roost as favorites to drop the Hilltoppers, with the scoring punch packed by Mikan. Mikan yesterday held second spot in the nation's college basketball scoring race. A Western player, Chalmers Embry, however made the national poll with third place in the ratings issued Wednesday.

Mikan, playing his fourth year with DePaul, has been the subject of several picture magazines and good copy for any number of feature articles and sports stories. He has an ambitious brother, Eddie Mikan, who stands 6 feet 7 inches and claims to be as enthusiastic a cage performer as his older brother.

The DePaul varsity, which this year plays Western for the fourth season, returned four regulars from last year and while suffering a few losses this season, still is considered a national hardwood leader.

Coach Ray Meyer is expected to start the following lineup at the sound of the opening whistle at 8 o'clock Saturday night: Ernest DiBenedetto and Gene Stump, forwards; George Mikan, center; Charlie Allen and John Allen at guards.

Coach Diddle announced today that a probable starting lineup for the Hilltoppers would include either Brooks or Parsley at one forward; Hale, forward; Kirk or Morris at center; Embry slated for one guard spot and either Huter or Heller at the other sentinel post.

The Western coach announced that tickets for the DePaul game could be obtained at the following business establishments, in addition to C. D. S. No. 6: Helm hotel, Warren County Hardware Company, Herman Lowe and Company and C. D. S. Drug Store No. 4.

DePaul's Blue Demons Will Arrive Here On Saturday

Embry, Hale Lead Kentucky Net Scorers

By The Associated Press

Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers claim two of the state's leading college basketball point-makers, a survey of the commonwealth showed today. They are Chalmers Embry and Maurice Hale.

Embry, a guard and veteran of the U. S. Marines, paces all of the college scorers in Kentucky, with 220 points. He is from Hartford, Ky., and was a member of Coach Ed Diddle's 1942-43 club.

Hale, freshman forward from Owensboro, ranks second, with 173 points. Embry has played in all 18 of the Hilltoppers' games and Hale has played in 17.

Other Kentucky college men included in the top 10 included Fred Lewis, Eastern Kentucky; George Hauptfuhrer, Ed Kupper and Don Kinker, University of Louisville; Jack Parkinson, University of Kentucky, who is tied for the South-eastern Conference scoring lead; Z. C. Harrold, Jr., Murray State; Jack Tingle, University of Kentucky; and Harold Hawhee, Morehead.

The leaders and games played (through last week):

Player	G	TP
Embry, Western	18	220
Hale, Western	17	173
Lewis, Eastern	7	155
Hauptfuhrer, Louisville	12	150
Kupper, Louisville	11	147
Harrold, Murray	9	111
Parkinson, Kentucky	9	98
Kinker, Louisville	11	96
Tingle, Kentucky	8	88
Hawhee, Morehead	6	84

Hilltoppers To Meet Eastern Here Tuesday

Eastern Teachers college's basketball team, featuring Fred Lewis, a sharpshooting artist, will renew its rivalry with the Western Hilltoppers tomorrow night at 8 o'clock on the Western hardwood.

The Maroons at present are in No. 2 spot of the K. I. A. C. ratings having won four loop victories and remaining undefeated in the conference. The Easterners trail Peck Hickman's Louisville outfit which has marked up five decisions without a setback in the circuit.

Eastern and Western divided games last year. At the Western floor, Fred Lewis' 24 points gave the Maroons a victory, but the Diddlemen went to Richmond and evened the count by taking the measure of Lewis and Company by six points.

A real battle is expected tomorrow night.

Tuesday night's engagement will find the Toppers in K. I. A. C. competition for the first time this season, the local team having had its hands full with a string of rugged non-loop opponents.

The Eastern team was scheduled to arrive in Bowling Green at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Meanwhile, announcement of Coach Ed Diddle indicated that about the same lineup would take the floor for Western as had appeared in recent games—Hale, forward; Brooks or Parsley at the other forward; Kirk or Morris, center and Heller and Embry at guards.

Eastern's starting five will be selected from the following roster: Fred Lewis, forward; George Maines, forward; Goebel Ritter, forward; Argentine, Carroll, Cinnamon, De Venzio, Lovitt, Rogers, Stevens and Williams, guards; Hammon, Oldham and Wilson, centers.

Western Plays Eastern Here Tonight

The Western Teachers college Hilltopper five will enter K.I.A.C. competition tonight in a game against the invading Eastern Teachers quintet from Richmond, featuring high-scoring Fred Lewis.

The game, one of the highlights of the Western schedule for 1946, will start at 8 o'clock.

Eastern is now in second place in the state collegiate ratings while Western has been engaged with non-conference foes.

Eastern Downs Hilltoppers By 45-35 Score

With Fred Lewis, guard, hitting for 16 points and Ritter, forward, scoring 15, Coach Rome Rankin's Eastern Teachers College Maroon quintet handed the Western Hilltoppers a 45-35 defeat last night at Western gym. It was the fifth conference win for the Easterners and the twelfth loss of the Hilltoppers in 18 regular season games.

Western's inability to hit the target was a deciding factor in the outcome of the engagement as the Diddlemen had more shots at the basket than did the visitors. Their floor work and passing kept the Westerners in the game, but faulty marksmanship meant their downfall.

Maurice Hale and Chalmers Embry, leading scorers for the Red and Gray all season, were the main cogs in the Hilltopper machine, Embry tabbing 11 points and Hale following closely with nine.

Charlie Parsley, forward, opened the scoring for the night with a long field goal, but Eastern's Ritter came through immediately on a crisp shot and the fight was on. Lewis, fouled by Parsley, scored from the 17-foot line, to put the Maroons in the lead and command of the game for the full route. Only twice were the Toppers in close range of their Central Kentucky rivals, when the score read 9-5 and 17-11, the latter margin posted with five minutes remaining in the first half.

Eastern left the floor at halftime with a 10-point advantage at 23-13.

No effective defense was found for Ritter, Maroon forward and he continued his scoring in the second half with consistency. Actually, Ritter was the sparkplug, although Fred Lewis nosed him out one point in the scoring department.

Chalmers Embry, third leading collegiate scorer in the nation, started the second half attack with a crisp shot; Jim Huter was called for fouling Lewis, who made good a free throw and Huter cringed to bring the difference to 24-17 for the visitors.

Eastern had its greatest lead at 42-27 in the late stages of the game and throttled the attack of the host team successfully.

Eastern Teachers				
Pos.	FG	FT	PF	TP
Ritter, F	6	3	1	15
Becker, F	0	0	0	0
Oldham, C	3	0	4	6
Lewis, G	5	6	2	16
De Venzio, G	3	2	1	8
Argentine, G	0	0	2	0
	17	11	10	45

Western Teachers				
Pos.	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hale, F	1	3	9	9
Parsley, F	3	2	3	8
William Kirk, C	2	1	1	5
Heller, G	0	0	1	0
Embry, G	5	1	1	11
Brooks, F	0	0	2	0
Huter, G	1	0	3	2
	15	5	14	35

Free throws missed, Eastern: Ritter, 1; Oldham, 3; Lewis, 1; De Venzio, 1; Western—Hale, 1; Kirk, 2; Heller, 1; Embry, 1.

Halftime score: Eastern 23, Western 13.

Officials: Bradford Mutchler, Scottville and Hickman Duncan, Nashville.

Mikan, Stump Tally 21 Each In Scoring Spree

By Clarence Daves

DePaul University's Blue Demon basketball team, one of the nation's best, was "on as advertised" last night and sank Coach Diddle's eastern Hilltopper five into defeat a score of 81 to 43 before the vast crowd at the Western gym.

Paul jumped into an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes of play. Then then got into the game on old goal by George Heller, each Ray Meyer's boys were on 15-9 with about 10 minutes remaining in the first half and never threatened seriously. The six-point margin at that time was as big as the Westerners ever came. "Big George" Mikan and his es enjoyed a lead of 38-15 when teams left the floor at intermission.

Although tied for scoring honors with his all-American rival, Gene Stump won the plaudits of the crowd for his brilliant efforts which saw him under the basket for nine shots, nicely executed.

The DePaul offensive was well-advanced, however, and the work of "Chuck" Allen and Jack En, guards, earned some of the credit as these two "fireballs" burned the nets for 13 points each.

Western's best efforts in the scoring department were concentrated on Wilson Kirk, who played an unusual good game at his pivot spot and paced the local pointmakers at 14. Embry, guard scored 10 points.

Gene Stump opened the scoring for DePaul with a short shot and Chuck Allen fired a similar one put the visitors out in front 4-0. George Mikan made his first point on the 17-foot line after being fouled by Heller. Seconds later Mikan popped one in and the DePaul five led 8-0. Heller threw in a fielder and Mikan, under the basket, boosted another one in and then fouled Maurice Hale. Hale converted and the score read 10-3 for the Chicaeans.

Carroll Brooks hit from out in the floor and DiBenedetto, DePaul forward, connected and the score was 12-5. Jack Allen came through with a single-handed toss and William Kirk fired one from the corner to make the count read 14-7. Mikan was awarded a charity try on a foul by Embry and Embry hit from the corner to post the books at 15-9. That was as close as the Toppers came.

DePaul had boosted its margin to 50-23 near the middle of the second half on shots by C. Allen, DiBenedetto and Gene Stump, who kept getting hotter than a three-alarm fire until removed from the game with seven minutes remaining.

For several minutes, Stump put on a one-man show, scoring seven points in rapid fire order. Big George Mikan fed the ball to his teammates on most occasions and rarely exerted himself, although he demonstrated he could score when he so desired. Fifteen of Mikan's points were tallied in the first half.

With the game in its waning minutes Coach Meyer his first substitutions, all of them turning in good performances.

College De Paul				
Pos.	FG	FT	PF	TP
Stump, F	9	3	4	21
DiBenedetto, F	3	0	1	6
G. Mikan, C	9	3	2	21
C. Allen, G	6	1	1	13
J. Allen, G	6	1	2	13
Niemara	2	0	0	4
Furman	1	0	1	2
Comerford	0	1	1	1
E. Mikan	0	0	0	0
Starzyk	0	0	1	0

Totals				
	G	F	PF	TP
Western	17	9	14	35
Brooks, F	2	0	2	4
Hale, F	0	1	1	1
Kirk, C	6	2	1	13
Embry, G	3	4	1	11
Heller, G	1	0	1	2
Parsley	1	1	1	3
Hogan	0	1	1	1
Morris	1	0	1	2
Lanham	0	0	0	0
Huter	3	0	0	6

Totals: 17 9 14 35

Free throws missed: DePaul—Stump 1; J. Allen 1; Comerford 1; Western—Brooks 1; Parsley 2; Embry 3; Lanham 2.

DePaul Defeats Hilltoppers By 81-43

Western And Murray Renew Feud Saturday

The 44th renewal of the basketball rivalry of the Western Teachers college Hilltoppers and the Murray State Teachers college Thoroughbreds will unfold Saturday night at the Murray state gymnasium in a battle seen as another of those things in which anything can happen.

To date, Western holds the edge in victories over their arch rivals in a series which was inaugurated in 1932. On the basis of this season's record, however, the Thoroughbreds stand a good chance of copping the game tomorrow night, but then again "anything" is likely to happen. On a few occasions in recent years the Toppers defeated Murray when the odds were really against them, and despite a poor showing will be battling the Racehorses in a game likely to be another Western-Murray thriller.

Of the 43 games played, including K.I.A.C. and S.I.A.A. tournaments, Western has been victorious in 29 while Murray was the winner of 14.

The 1932 season featured three games with Murray winning all three. In the following year the teams divided games, each winning two and Western defeating the Breds in K.I.A.C. play.

Largest difference in score between Western and Murray occurred in the 1936 K.I.A.C. tournament meeting when the Hilltoppers won by the score of 55 to 31 for a 24 point margin. On January 20, 1943 the Westerns downed the Murrayites by almost the same margin, 56-33 for a 23 point decision.

Murray's largest score over the Diddlemen was marked up at 54-37 in a game on February 18, 1933.

Annually the teams provide a real show for the dyed-in-the-wool partisans of both schools. And Western will be out to show their rivals tomorrow night and later in the season that they will provide more opposition than anybody thinks.

The Hilltoppers, who entered K.I.A.C. competition Tuesday night for the first time this season, have lost 12 games out of 18 in probably the most difficult schedule ever faced by a Western quintet.

Murray's record includes losses to Morehead State Teachers college and DePaul university. Incidentally, both Western and Murray were able to score the same number of points, 43, against the DePaul outfit. The Breds looked a trifle better because the margin of defeat by the Blue Demons was not as great as that incurred by the Toppers.

The Saturday night game will be a highlight of conference play this weekend, although no championship title will be at stake.

Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback with a squad of 15 men will leave for Murray Saturday morning. The traveling list will include Hale, Parsley, William Kirk, Wilson Kirk, Heller, Embry, Huter, Parrish, Hogan, Brooks, Seams, Lanham, Taylor and probably Johnson or Crafton.

pies Western By 55 To 27

Thoroughbreds Van Hilltoppers Throughout Tilt

MURRAY, Ky., Jan. 18—(Spl.)—Led by Big John Padgett, who racked up 17 points, the Murray State Teachers college five handed the Western Hilltoppers a 55-27 lacing here tonight, for the largest score ever registered by the Breds over their Western rivals.

Padgett's ability to hit from the free throw line was an outstanding feature of the play, the lanky center pouring in 11 foul goals in 11 attempts.

Trailing Padgett in the scoring department of a one-sided battle was "Red" Reagan who amassed 15 points.

The game, in the first half, was a bit ragged on the part of both teams, but the inaccuracy of the Hilltoppers on the firing range left no doubt as to the outcome of the game. The Toppers missed numerous open shots and were crowded on most close-in attempts by the man to man defense employed by the Thoroughbreds.

The Westerners made their first score of the game after about six minutes of play, on a free throw by William Kirk, and their first field goal in 10 minutes of play also by Kirk.

The Murray team, displaying superiority all of the way, had a 13-2 lead with about 12 minutes left of the first half and the Hilltoppers took their second time out.

Sparkplugs in the Murray attack were Reagan and Padgett, who throttled up the attempts of the Hilltop five, causing most of their shots to be fired off balance.

The victory, witnessed by a capacity crowd, was Murray's first over the Diddlemen since 1943 when they won by a score of 41 to 28 in one of two regular season engagements.

Murray enjoyed an advantage of 45 to 21 with about nine minutes remaining in the second half and from that point on second and third strings were used freely. Chalmers Embry, guard, scored five points to represent the best efforts of the visiting team.

Murray	G	F	PF	TP
Reagan, F	6	3	2	15
Herold, F	4	0	4	8
Padgett, C	3	11	3	17
Cain, G	2	3	5	7
McDaniel, G	1	1	3	3
Ewers	1	0	1	2
Haines, G	0	0	1	0
Grammer	0	1	1	1
Russell	1	0	2	2
Rivins	0	0	1	0
Holland	0	0	0	0
Myers	0	0	0	0
Conver	0	0	0	0
Clark	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	19	23	55

Western	G	F	PF	TP
Hale, F	0	1	1	1
Parsley, F	1	3	2	5
W. Kirk, C	1	1	5	3
Embry, G	2	1	3	5
Parrish, G	0	0	2	0
Huter	0	1	0	1
Brooks	0	1	0	1
Huter	0	1	0	1
Hogan	0	1	0	1
Johnson	1	0	2	2
Lanham	1	0	4	2
Taylor	0	0	0	0
Sames	0	0	1	0
Crafton	0	0	0	0
Kirk	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	11	20	27

Halftime score: Murray 28; Western 10.

Free throws missed: Murray—Herold 2; Cain 2; McDaniel 1; Myers 1; Western—Hale 1; Parsley 2; B. Kirk 1; Embry 2; Parrish 1; Huter 1; Brooks 2; Heller 1; Lanham 1; Sames 1.

Officials: Bowser Chest and Hickman Duncan, Nashville.

Hilltoppers Will Meet Vanderbilt Here Tonight

The Vanderbilt university basketball team will meet the Western Hilltoppers tonight on the Western hardwood in the second of a two-game billing which saw the Toppers triumph over the Commodores Monday night at Nashville.

Tonight's game, which is expected to include as a feature the long-distance shooting of the Commodores, will be called for 8 o'clock.

Expected to start for Vanderbilt are Duvier and Dalton, forwards; Blair, at the center position; Ball and Ewers, guards. For the Hilltoppers the starting nods likely will go to Parsley and Hale, forwards; William Kirk, center; Heller and Embry at guards.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 23 — (P)—Gus Morrow's Vanderbilt basketball team is unbeaten on South-eastern Conference basketball competition despite the fact he isn't following what he terms the "best system" in the cage game.

Morrow, who was summoned from his farm to take over the Vandy basketball helm after 14 years' absence, says he uses no particular system, explaining:

"It all depends on your material. I believe the best system is the one now in vogue at Kentucky—go out and get good ball players."

But Morrow, whose Commodores stopped Georgia's winning streak here last week and later bumped Ole Miss, is not practicing what he preaches. He has 12 men on his squad—10 freshmen and two sophomores—and not a one of them has an athletic scholarship.

"My boys play mostly on en-

thusiasm," he says. "Whatever success we've had has been due to their eagerness to play the game."

In five starts this season, Vandy has won three and lost two. In addition to Georgia and Mississippi, the Commodores beat Southwestern. They dropped games to Western Kentucky and Louisville.

Vandy meets Western Kentucky tonight at Bowling Green and returns to conference competition Saturday night against Georgia at Athens. Two games each with Kentucky and Tennessee complete the team's bid for league recognition.

Ill health caused Morrow to leave Vanderbilt in 1931 after coaching two years. He enjoyed his most successful season in 1929-30, winning 17 straight games before "flu" wrecked our team."

Hilltoppers Defeat Vanderbilt By 42-29

Led by William Kirk, center, who turned in one of his most brilliant performances of the season, the Western Teachers college five broke into the limelight last night and got back into the win column at the expense of Vanderbilt university, 42 to 29, in a game at Nashville. Kirk led the Hilltopper attack with 11 points.

Chalmers Embry, guard, scored nine points and Maurice Hale, forward, eight. Dalton, Vanderbilt forward, with 15 points, was top scorer of the night and is seen by Coach Ed Diddle as an offensive threat to any ball club.

The Westerners, playing an unusual game, controlled the issue throughout and had a halftime lead of 27-14. The Vanderbilt netmen, however, represented one of the most dangerous cage combines in long distance shooting faced by the Hilltoppers this year. Coach Diddle said this morning. He pointed out that the Western five would have to be on its toes when the two teams line up each other Wednesday night at the Red and Gray gymnasium.

A good word for George Heller, Western guard, was sounded by his coach this morning, who pointed

out that the veteran played a classy brand of ball all the way through.

Western	G	F	PF	TP
Hale, F	4	0	1	8
Parsley, F	3	1	2	7
Brooks, F	0	1	0	1
Parrish, F	0	0	0	0
Huter, F	2	0	2	4
Kirk, C	5	1	1	11
Downing, C	0	0	0	0
Heller, G	1	0	2	2
Embry, G	4	1	2	9
Hogan, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	4	10	42

Vanderbilt	G	F	PF	TP
Dalton, F	6	3	2	15
Duvier, F	0	0	0	0
Mason, F	0	0	0	0
Blair, C	0	0	1	0
Weaver, C	0	1	1	1
Holman, G-F	2	0	0	4
Ball, G	2	0	1	4
Kraft, G	1	3	0	5
Brock, G	0	0	0	0
Ewers, G	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	7	5	29

Halftime score: Western 27, Vanderbilt 14.

Free throws missed: Vanderbilt—Duvier 1, Mason 1, Ball 1, Kraft 1. Western—Parsley 1, Huter 1.

Officials: Hickman Duncan and Paul Toombs.

VU Opens Busy Week With Western Tonight

Vanderbilt Out To Extend Win Streak At Hippodrome

Vanderbilt's basketballing Commodores, winner of three games last week, open another busy week tonight against Western Kentucky at the Hippodrome at 8 o'clock.

Tonight's tilt is the first of three for the Black and Gold quintet. The Commodores will play a return engagement with Western Wednesday night in Bowling Green. Saturday night the Commodores will take a jaunt to Athens for a second meeting with Georgia.

Vanderbilt has come a long way since dropping its opener to Louisville, 60-27. Gus Morrow's boys knocked Georgia from the perfect class here last Monday, and then rolled over Southwestern and Ole Miss on the week end.

The Commodores are a slight favorite tonight. Ed Diddle's Hilltoppers are definitely below par. Western has lost its last three starts, losing to DePaul, Eastern and Murray last week. For the season, Western has been able to cop but eight wins in nineteen starts.

However, Western presents one of the nation's top scorers tonight

is Jim Huter. Carroll Brooks, Bill Kirk and George Heller are playing their first year of college ball. Heller, recently discharged from the Army after 33 months of overseas service, played frosh ball in 1941.

Gus Morrow is calling on the same five boys who have carried the burden all year: John Dalton, the team's high scorer, and Hank Duvier at forward, Frank Blair at center, and Jay Ball and Joe Kraft, the rebound artist, at guard.

No. Vanderbilt Pos. West Kentucky
(22) Duvier F Huter (77)
(26) Dalton F Brooks (35)
(29) Blair C Kirk (26)
(33) Kraft G Embry (27)
(23) Ball G Heller (10)

Substitutes: Vanderbilt—Malone (20), Weaver (24), Brock (25), Wadlington (27), Mason (28), Holman (30), and Ewers (32).
West Kentucky—Hogan (11), Downing (39), Taylor (41), Johnson (46), Hale (51), Parrish (64), and Parsley (96).

Officials: Hickman Duncan and Paul Toombs.
Place: Hippodrome.
Time: 8 o'clock.

in Chalmers Embry, junior guard. The Hartford, Ky., boy has found the range for better than 250 points. He has shouldered the attack in practically every game.

(Western's other veteran starter

Western Leads Vandy at Half

A surprising band of Western Kentucky cagers completely played Vandy off their feet during the first half of the game last night at the Hippodrome and the Hilltoppers gained a 24-14 lead at intermission.

John Dalton put the Commodores into a 4-0 lead with two quick fielders, but after that the Ed Diddle quint started pulling up even to go on a few minutes later into the lead.

Western Meets Vandy Team In Tilt Tonight

Probably the heaviest week of basketball play of local teams for this season will start tonight.

Leading off will be a college tilt, pairing the Western Teachers college five and the Vanderbilt Commodores tonight at Nashville. The Vanderbilt team is slated to return this visit Wednesday at the Western floor.

High school outfits will get started Tuesday night, with the feature game to be played by Calhoun and College High at the Red Birds floor. Bristow will go to Sunfish and Madisonville's red hot colored team will visit the State street Mustangs.

The Vandy-Western go will be the drawing card Wednesday night and in prep school circles the St. Xavier-Bowling Green game at the Purple gym will be the Friday night top-notch affair.

Other Friday games see College High at Franklin; Bristow at Munfordville; South Warren at Morgantown, North Warren at Edmon-ton; Richlandville at Allen County and State street High at New Albany.

A pair of start engagements for local floors will be offered Saturday in the meeting of London high school at College High and Morehead Teachers college at Western.

The Hilltoppers will take a sample of Southeastern conference cage competition in their game with Vanderbilt. Tonight's tilt is one of two carded for this week with the Commodores, a club reported as improving. The Tennesseans will play at Western Wednesday night.

The following squad, with Coaches Diddle and Hornback, left for Nashville this afternoon after classes: Embry, Huter, Parrish, Hogan, Heller, Parsley, Kirk, Johnson, Brooks and Hale.

As to a starting lineup, Coach Diddle intimated it might be a matter of just "close my eyes and guess." It is expected, however, that the five boys who have borne the brunt of most attacks this season will start the action against the Vandy outfit.

Western Wins 45-32

Special to The Courier-Journal.
Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 23.—Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers won their second game of the week from Vanderbilt at Western's gym tonight by downing the Commodores 45-32.

Monday night the Toppers defeated Vanderbilt at Nashville 42-29.

Western went into a lead on a tip-in by Kirk and was never headed, leading at the end of the first half 19-15. In the second half the play of both teams improved with Western outscoring Vandy by 26 points to 17.

Chalmers Embry, fifth high scorer in the nation, led Western's attack with 14 points on seven field goals.

Western	g	f	pf	Hale f.	4	1	4
Hale f.	4	1	4	Vanderbilt	g	f	pf
Parsley f.	0	0	0	Dalton f.	6	1	2
Kirk c.	4	3	1	Duvier f.	4	1	3
Embry g.	7	0	3	Blair c.	2	1	4
Heller g.	2	0	2	Ball g.	1	1	0
Brooks g.	0	2	0	Kraft g.	1	0	2
Huter	2	1	1	Weaver	0	0	1
Hogan	0	0	0	Mason	0	0	1
				Holman	0	0	0
Totals	19	7	11	Totals	14	4	13

Halftime score: Western 19; Vanderbilt 15.

Free throws missed: Western—Hale 1; Parsley 1; Huter 1; Kirk 3; Embry 1. Vanderbilt—Dalton 1; Duvier 1; Blair 3; Ball 1; Kraft 1; Weaver 1.

Officials—Hickman Duncan and Webb Porter, Nashville.

Toppers Sink Vanderbilt 42-29

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21 (AP)—Vanderbilt's Commodores were outclassed in every way by the Western Kentucky basketball team tonight and lost to the Hilltoppers 42-29.

The Golden took an uncertain lead at the start but after the score had gone to 7-4 for Vandy Coach Ed Diddle's charges began to recover.

Bill Kirk and Chalmers Embry cashed in with a goal apiece and the Commodores' Jay Ball, looping a long shot, pushed the home team into its last lead, 9-8.

By the half the Kentuckians had built up its lead 27-14.

Center Kirk paced the Kentuckians with 11 points as they coasted into a victory in the second half. Vanderbilt's John Dalton scored 15.

Vanderbilt will meet the Kentucky team at Bowling Green Wednesday night.

Western	g	f	pf	Vanderbilt	g	f	pf
Hale f.	4	0	1	Dalton f.	6	3	2
Parsley f.	3	1	2	Duvier f.	0	0	0
Brooks f.	0	1	0	Mason f.	0	0	0
Parrish f.	0	0	0	Blair c.	0	0	1
Huter f.	2	0	2	Weaver c.	0	1	1
Kirk c.	5	1	1	Holman g-f	2	0	0
Downing c.	0	0	0	Ball g	2	0	1
Heller g.	1	0	2	Kraft g	1	3	0
Embry g.	4	1	2	Brock g	0	0	0
Hogan g.	0	0	0	Ewers g	0	0	0
Totals	19	4	10	Totals	11	7	3

Halftime score: Western 27, Vanderbilt 14.

Free throws missed: Vanderbilt—Duvier 1, Mason 1, Ball 1, Kraft 1. Western—Parsley 1, Huter 1.

Officials: Hickman Duncan and Paul Toombs.

Western Downs Vandy On Local Floor By 45-32

Led by Chalmers Embry, guard and a nationally-ranking collegiate basketball scorer, the Western Teachers college Hilltopper cagemen handed the Vanderbilt Commodores a defeat at the Western gym last night by the score of 45 to 32. Embry contributed 14 points toward the decision, which was the second in three days for Vandy at the hands of the Toppers. On both occasions the margin of difference proved to be 13 points.

The Toppers grabbed an early lead and clung on to it as the teams battled in a "rough and ready" skirmish. The contest, close the first half, never saw the Westerners seriously threatened in the latter part.

Coach Diddle's boys, who have demonstrated improvement in the past few days, had a half-time lead of 19-15.

Baskets by William Kirk, center, and Maurice Hale, forward, opened the show at 5-0 after about two minutes of play. Vanderbilt then got into the game on a free toss by Blair, center, and Duvier, Vandy forward, crippled to make the score read 5-3.

With Heller, Embry and Hale leading the attack, the Diddlemen had a margin of 18-11 with about four minutes remaining in the first half. Brooks, substitution for Parsley, who was injured and had to be removed from the game, scored at the foul line and Duvier heaved in a long looping fielder as the gun sounded to end the first half.

The 19-15 reading at the half was as close as the charges of Coach

Gus Morrow ever came to the hometown boys and the Red and Gray maintained a 10 and 12 point lead most of the second half.

The Hilltop five meets much sterner opposition, however, Saturday night when the Morehead State Teachers college quintet invades the Western playhouse. Getting some rest Sunday, the Toppers will then meet Marshall Monday night on the home hardwood.

Western (45)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hale, f.	4	1	4	9
Parsley, f.	0	0	0	0
W. Kirk, c.	4	3	1	11
Embry, g.	7	0	3	14
Heller, g.	2	0	2	4
Brooks, f.	0	2	0	2
Huter, f.	2	1	1	5
Hogan, g.	0	0	0	0
	19	7	11	45
Vanderbilt (32)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dalton, f.	6	1	2	13
Duvier, f.	4	1	3	9
Blair, c.	2	1	4	5
Ball, g.	1	1	0	3
Kraft, g.	1	0	2	2
Weaver, c.	0	0	1	0
Mason, f.	0	0	1	0
Holman, g.	0	0	0	0
	14	4	13	32

Halftime score: Western Kentucky 19, Vanderbilt 15.

Free throws missed, Western—Hale, 1; Parsley, 1; Huter, 1; Kirk, 3; Embry, 1; Vanderbilt—Dalton, 1; Duvier, 1; Blair, 3; Ball, 1; Kraft 1 and Weaver 1.

Officials, Duncan and Porter, of Nashville.

Hilltoppers Defeat Morehead By 62-40

Morehead, Western Vie Tonight

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Morehead, Ky., Jan. 25.—Coach Ellis Johnson and twelve of his Morehead College Eagles embark on a two-day road trip, meeting Western Saturday night and Murray on Monday.

This is the first encounter of the season for the Eagles and the Hilltoppers. The Thorobreds of Murray hold a 50-47 overtime triumph, in their earlier clash.

Players making the trip are Bill Miller, Carroll Hawhee, Jack Pobst, Roscoe Hutchinson, Park Prater, Ralph Mussman, Robert Tucker, Linton Nichols, Charles Zeidler, Frank Weber, George Wiggins, and Walter Hambrick.

Morehead gave 3,200 fans one of the most hectic climaxes ever staged in a basketball game Wednesday night. Trailing Eastern 51-53 with 27 seconds remaining, Carroll Hawhee intercepted a pass to dribble the entire floor for a game-tying crip shot.

THREE HITS

Then in the first overtime period Eastern gained a 58-54 advantage with 21 seconds remaining, but Hawhee repeated his previous performance to cut the margin to 58-56. As seven seconds remained to be played, and Eastern in possession of the ball, for the third successive time Hawhee took the ball and hit from far out to send the game into the second overtime.

Western has yet to enter the win column in the K.I.A.C. race, while Morehead boasts five wins and three losses to hold third spot in the standings.

Bill Miller and Carroll Hawhee continued to lead the Eagles' offense, as they added 20 and 19 points respectively to their totals.

Eagles Bring Good Team Here For Engagement

The Morehead State Teachers college Eagles are scheduled to provide the next stiff workout for Coach Ed Diddle and Coach Ted Hornback's Hilltopper cagers, come Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Western gymnasium. The two schools, long friendly rivals, always have some color in their meetings.

An improved Western club, with two victories over Vanderbilt, will face much more rugged opposition in the Morehead five and anything short of heads-up ball would be costly.

As in the past, a close battle is expected regardless of the records of the two outfits. On the basis of record, the Eagles this year hold a decided edge, but such was the case last year when Western and Morehead divided games and the Westerners then were not considered anything like favorites. The team on the spot is always the one rated the highest, from general trends noted in the past.

Last year Morehead triumphed 72-58 at the Eagle gymnasium and at Western's floor bowed to the Hilltoppers 36-34.

The Morehead squad list includes Hawshee, Hutsion, Prater, Hambrick, Heinze and Mussman; forwards; Miller and Nichols, centers; Pobst, Tucker, Zeidler, Harmon, Weber, Wiggins, guards.

Western's starting lineup may be minus the services of Charles Parsley, forward, who suffered an injury to his ankle in the Wednesday night fracas with Vanderbilt. If the regular forward should be forced to remain out Saturday night, Carroll Brooks or Jim Huter might be expected to get the starting call.

Western Team Ahead By 25-17 At Halftime

By Clarence Daves

The Western Hilltopper basketball team tuned up for the Marshall invasion Monday in shooting down Coach Ellis Johnson's Morehead Eagles 52-40 in a fast exhibition at Western gym last night. It was the third victory for the Hilltoppers within the week and a crowd-pleasing show from start to finish.

Maurice Hale, forward, led all scorers with 17 points, but Guard Chalmers Embry was right on his heels with 16, when he was injured and left the game in the final minutes. Embry's total scoring for 25 games was boosted to 305 points to further strengthen his hold on the select group in the nation. Hale's total pushed to 238 points for 24 games.

The Hilltoppers grabbed an early 4-0 lead in a first-half see-saw battle. After being fought on even terms or better for 10 minutes, they took a commanding 25-17 advantage as the intermission arrived.

Setting a fast pace and keeping it, the Red and Gray quintet held an edge of 32-24 with five minutes gone in the second half, and on the accuracy of Hale, Embry and Kirk soon was out in front 40-28. After a Morehead timeout, the Western five singled the drapes for 12 markers in three minutes and sent the spectators into thrills and yells. At this time there was no doubt as to the outcome, even though George Heller, running mate to Embry, fouled out after turning in probably the greatest job of his basketball career.

Jim Huter, starting a forward for the Hilltoppers as replacement for Parsley, earned plenty of praise in his performance and in addition to his all-around floor work, scored 13 points for the Hilltoppers cause. It was Huter who drew first blood on a crip shot and Hale who hit from the side to start the game off at 4-0. Hawhee, Morehead's brilliant guard, hit from the corner and seconds later was fouled by Heller. Hawhee made the gratis attempt good and the score read 4-3.

Western Stuns Morehead 62-40 Improved Hilltopper Five Leads Throughout Game

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 26.—Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers showed signs of oldtime power tonight as they downed a scrapping Morehead team by 62 to 40.

The Hilltoppers, paced by Parsley, Embry and Huter, who scored 17, 16 and 13 points, respectively, jumped into an early lead and were never headed.

The Hilltoppers led at the half by 25 to 17 and during the second period in the space of three minutes scored 13 points.

Morehead's attack was led by Miller, center, and Hutchinson, forward, who tallied 11 and 9 points, respectively.

IMPROVE

The Diddle men showed marked improvements in all departments and the shooting of the team as

a whole was more accurate than at any time this season.

Kirk and Haller for Western and Hawhee, Morehead guard, fouled out late in the game.

Western (62) Pos. (40) Morehead
Parsley (17) F (9) Hutchinson
Huter (13) F (1) Prater
W. Kirk (10) C (11) Miller
Embry (16) G (3) Pobst
Heller (2) G (6) Hawhee

Substitutes: Western—Wilson, Kirk, Seames, Johnson, Hogan, Brooks, 3, Parish, 1, Lanham; Morehead—Nichols, Hambrick, 3, Webber, Ziegler, 3, Tucker, Mussman, Wiggins, 3.

Bill Miller, Morehead center, scored on a crip and gave the Eagles a 5-3 edge, one of the few leads ever enjoyed by them. Heller sank a beautiful fielder and Hawhee drove under the basket. Miller followed with a tip-in and Morehead lead 9-6. Western called time out, after seven minutes of hectic play and Bill Kirk, on a jump shot brought the score to 9-8. Hutchins, Morehead forward, scored on a short one and put the Eagles ahead 11-8, but this was cut down immediately by Kirk and the Eagles took time out at 11-10. Hawhee edged it out to 12-10, but Chalmers Embry nullified this by tying the score at 12-12 on a beautiful crip shot.

Pobst, Morehead guard, fouled Embry and he sent the Westerns ahead at 13-12. Kirk and Huter boosted the count to 17-12 and Hutchinson registered on a charity toss to mark the books at 17-13, with six minutes left in the first half. Hale hit from the corner to post the books at 19-13 and the Hilltoppers took over a lead that was never seriously threatened.

It was all Western throughout the second half.

Best offensive of the Morehead team was centered in Miller, who scored 11 points and Hutchinson who racked up nine.

The Toppers will return the visit at Morehead February 18.

Western	G	F	PF	TP
Hale, F	8	1	1	17
Huter, F	6	1	4	13
Kirk, C	4	2	5	10
Heller, G	1	0	5	2
Embry, G	5	6	2	16
Brooks, G	1	1	2	3
Hogan, G	0	0	0	0
Parrish, G	0	1	0	1
Parsley, G	0	0	0	0
Wilson Kirk, F	0	0	0	0
Seams, F	0	0	0	0
Lanham, F	0	0	0	0
Johnson, C	0	0	0	0

Morehead	G	F	PF	TP
Hutchinson, F	4	1	1	9
Prater, F	0	1	3	1
Miller, C	4	3	3	11
Pobst, G	0	3	2	3
Hawhee, G	2	2	5	6
Nichols, C	0	0	1	0
Hambrick, F	0	3	0	3
Webber, F	0	0	0	0
Ziegler, G	0	3	3	3
Tucker, G	0	0	0	0
Mussman, F	0	1	1	1
Wiggins, F	1	1	2	3

Free throws missed — Western: Hale 2; Huter 2; Kirk 4; Embry 2; Parrish 1; Morehead—Hutchinson 1; Prater 1; Miller 2; Hawhee 1; Webber 1; Ziegler 1.

Western And Marshall To Meet Here Tonight

Fresh from a dazzling triumph over Morehead Saturday night, the "up and coming" Western Hilltoppers were ready today for the invasion of the Marshall College Thundering Herd tonight in the third meeting of the two clubs this season.

Today's report on the condition of the Western five indicated that Chalmers Embry, stellar guard, was not injured seriously in the bruising

battle with Morehead and that Charles Parsley, starting forward, had recovered from an ankle injury suffered in one of the Vanderbilt games last week.

Parsley is expected to be able to go tonight and very likely will resume his place in the lineup with Maurice Hale, the other starting forward.

The game is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

Western Hilltoppers To Meet TPI Here Tonight

The Western Teachers college cagers, sporting a victory streak, will take on another foe tonight in a battle with the Tennessee Polytechnic quintet from Cookeville, Tenn. Early in the year, the Toppers playing Tech at Cookeville, experienced but little difficulty and won by a score of 60 to 31.

Tonight's engagement, carded for 8 o'clock, will find the Toppers heading into the home stretch for the 1946 season. Six more games remain on the schedule after tonight, and in every case the opponents will be rugged. Teams to be met include Louisville, which will be played Saturday night at Louisville; Evansville college, Murray, U. of L. again, Eastern and Morehead.

Giving a good account of themselves in the past several days, the

Westerners rule as heavy favorites to capture a victory tonight, and if past performances mean anything, the score is likely to be as one-sided as it was down at Cookeville.

Probable starting lineups are listed as follows: Tennessee Polytechnic—Terry and Butler, forwards; Morris, center; Alexander and Fletcher, guards; Western—Hale and Parsley, forwards; Kirk, center; Heller and Embry, guards.

Hilltoppers Play Bang-Up Game To Defeat Marshall's Herd By 61 To 49

By Clarence Daves

Coach Ed Diddle's victory-minded Hilltopper cagers polished off the strong Marshall college five here last night by a score of 61 to 49, in one of the smoothest basketball shows staged here all season. It was the fourth victory in eight days for the Western team and put the quintet back into the running for K. I. A. C. honors.

It was Embry, Huter and Hale sparking an attack which saw the Toppers control the game for the full route. The local team had a lead of 30-24 at the half, taking Marshall by the surprise they showed Morehead.

Embry topped all scorers with 19 points; Huter accounted for 13 and Hale racked up 12. Tonkovitch, guard, was high man for Marshall, in garnering 12 points; Petrone, forward, followed with 10 and Hall, a ranking national scorer, was held to eight points.

The Western five will be seen in action on the home court again Wednesday night, in a return game with the Tennessee Polytechnic Golden Eagles.

The Diddlemen jumped into an early lead on three baskets by Maurice Hale and after five minutes of play held a 10-5 advantage. Jim Huter, playing a bang-up game at forward, boosted the score to 12-5, but Marshall closed in on a shot by Bill Hall. Kirk, Western center, executed a spinner which accounted

for two more points and scored again quickly, giving the Toppers a 16-7 lead. Conley, Little and Hall counted for Marshall and the score read 17-12 after 11 minutes had gone by.

Bill Kirk cashed in on a free throw and looped another from the field to make it 20-12.

Allen, substitute forward for Marshall, made good on a crisp shot and Kirk hit a free throw to mark the score at 21-14 for Western and the hundreds of rabid fans began to scent another victory for the Hilltoppers.

Maurice Hale, who was really "on" last night, connected again from the corner and the Hilltoppers had a 23-14 advantage. Embry found the range twice, as did Parsley, so the Western team led 30-24 at the half.

The second half started with the play of Embry, Petrone and Tonkovitch as a feature. However, Embry did most of the point-making and Diddle's boys enjoyed a 39-28 margin after five minutes.

Marshall came to life and cut the lead down to one point, the margin being 41-40 for Western when 10 minutes had gone by. Jim Huter made his presence felt again on two crisp shots and the score read 45-40. Embry came through and with 13 minutes gone the Topper margin was 47-40, although the Marshall outfit still had not conceded anything.

Huter and Embry spearheaded a final scoring drive, which assured

victory, while Tonkovitch and Brown were the main cogs in the Marshall machine, seeking vainly to grasp a decision which was just not "in the books" for the Thundering Herd on this occasion.

The win, following closely the jolting triumph of Morehead, a conference leader, stamped Western as a team to be reckoned with in the K. I. A. C. tournament next month.

Western	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hale, f	6	0	0	12
Huter, f	5	3	3	13
Kirk, c	4	2	2	10
Heller, g	1	0	2	2
Embry, g	8	3	4	19
Hogan, g	1	1	0	3
Parsley, f	1	0	0	2

Marshall	FG	FT	PF	TP
Petrone, f	4	2	0	10
Hall, f	4	0	2	8
Conley, c	1	1	4	3
Little, g	3	0	5	6
Tonkovitch, g	6	0	4	12
Brown, f	2	0	0	4
Maddox, g	2	0	2	4
Allen, f	1	0	0	2

Halftime score: Western 30, Marshall 24.

Free throws missed—Western: Hale 2; Huter 5; Kirk 2; Embry 2; Marshall: Petrone 1; Hall 2, Tonkovitch 3; Maddox 1; Allen 1.

Officials: Leon Cook and Hickman Duncan.

Western Nips Tennessee Five By 60 To 27

The Hilltoppers of Coach Ed Diddle hung up their fifth straight victory at Western last night when they downed Tennessee Polytechnic Institute of Cookeville by 60 to 27 in a slow game. Coach Diddle used 15 men in the tilt and the Hilltopper regulars took things easy, probably with an eye cocked on a game with the University of Louisville Seacards Saturday night at Louisville Armory when the local boys will attempt to avenge a Seacard victory scored in the Ohio Valley tournament.

The charges of Coach Puddy Overall offered little opposition to the Hilltoppers, and scored but three field goals in the first half. Their total for the night was nine while they scored the same number of times from the free throw line.

The game started off at a snail's pace and after five minutes of play only one point had been scored, that by Redmon of TPI on a foul toss. Two minutes later Kirk tallied for the Hilltoppers to put the score at 2 to 1 and with ten minutes elapsed TPI tied it up at 2 all on another foul toss.

However, at this point Western's steamroller started to click and the Hilltoppers bounded into a 28 to 12 lead at halftime. In the second half Western, with subs in the tilt much of the time, tallied 32 points while TPI got 15 in the one-sided game.

In the first half, Jim Huter, Western forward was injured and his slot was filled by Charley Parsley who went on to become high scorer of the night with 17 markers. Huter suffered a bruised hip which may keep him out of the Saturday night tilt. William Kirk was second high in the scoring column with 12 on six field goals, while Butler, TPI forward, scored 7 for high for the visitors.

Lineups:
Western 60 Pos 27 TPI
Hale 5 F 2 Brooks
Huter 6 F 7 Butler
Kirk 12 C 4 Redmon
Embry 6 G 4 Terry
Heller 2 G 3 Fletcher
Subs.: Western—Brooks 8, Parsley 17, Johnson 2, Hogan, Parrish 2, Schmes, Taylor, Wilson Kirk, Downey and Crafton. TPI—Borthick 3, Baker 4, Forkum, Hall, Penny. Of-

Western, In Stride, Eyes U. L. Revenge

Toppers, Who Held Foe to 6-Point Win, Have Captured Last 5 Games

By TOMMY FITZGERALD, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Teacher Ed Diddle hopes to do some erasing from the basketball blackboard tonight at the Jefferson County Armory when his Western Hilltoppers meet Pupil Peck Hickman's University of Louisville Sea Cards in an 8:30 battle, and if his cagers put up the kind of game they did against the Sea Cards in the final of the Ohio Valley Tournament in December, he has a chance to do some rubbing out.

The Sea Cards of Hickman, who played on four of Diddle's K.I.A.C. championship teams at Western before going into the coaching profession himself, had a tough time beating Western 51-45 over at Jeffersonville in the Ohio Valley final. In this game, the Hilltoppers led by 30-23 at the half and at one time held a 15-point lead.

Since then, the Sea Cards have performed with distinction as their record of 16 victories against only four defeats attests. Until they recently hit their stride, the Hilltoppers went along losing about as many games as they were winning, but they have triumphed in their last five starts and have stamped themselves as a typical Diddle team, one that reaches its crest as tournament time nears.

THREE CLASHES

Hickman has opposed his old and respected mentor three times as a coach and holds a 2-1 edge on him in victories. To make it 3-1 tonight, Hickman faces the task of stopping Chalmers Embry, a lean 147-pound forward from Hartford, Ky., who is the fifth high scorer in the nation with 330 points in 27 games.

It usually is the assignment of Ace Parker to stop these nationally ranked high scorers, but tonight no special guard will be placed on Embry, since he plays outside on offense. U. of L.'s two front men on defense maintain their positions on the court and switch opponents if necessary. This means that Forward Ed Kupper will have Embry some of the time and U. of L.'s other outside man, either Johnny Knopf or Cal Johnson, will be on him at other times.

Embry made 15 points against the Sea Cards in the first meeting of the teams. Jimmy Huter, the Louisville St. Xavier product, made 12 points in that December battle, but Jimmy is a doubtful starter because of a bruised hip suffered in a game with T.P.I. the other night.

PROBABLES

Other probable starters for Western are Maurice Hale, 6-foot 1-inch 175-pound forward from Owensboro, Ky.; Bill Kirk, 6-foot 2-inch 188-pound center, also from Owensboro, and George Heller, 5-foot 11-inch 177-pound guard from Portsmouth, O.

Bob Garwitz probably will open

at one of the forwards for U. of L. in place of Don Kinker, who has missed several practices because of a cold. Kupper, George Hauptfuhrer, Parker either Knopf or Johnson will be at the other spots.

U. of L. will be striving to remain in its fight with Eastern for the K.I.A.C. seasonal championship. At present, Eastern is leading with nine wins and one loss. U. of L. has seven triumphs against one defeat. Western has scored one victory in three league starts.

A large delegation of fans is expected to accompany the Hilltoppers to the game. Also coming are the cheer-leading Cook sisters, who will entertain between halves with their singing and dancing act.

In a prelim carded for 7:15, Flaget High will meet Valley.

Hilltoppers To Leave For Tilt With Louisville

The Western Hilltoppers, carrying a 12-man squad, with Student Manager Johnny Carr and Coaches Ed Diddle and Ted Hornback will leave early Saturday morning for Louisville for their Saturday night date with Coach Bernard "Peck" Hickman's University of Louisville Seacard five.

The game will constitute the first of two 1946 meetings between the two clubs, with the Hickman crew to return the visit to Bowling Green February 13.

Players making the trip will be George Heller, Jim Huter, Turner Hogan, William Kirk, Chalmers Embry, Carroll Brooks, John Taylor, Joe David Johnson, Maurice Hale, Charlie Parrish, Wilson Kirk and Charles Parsley.

The Western five, showing considerable improvement in adding five consecutive victories in the past 10 days, are expected to give the Louisville team a "run for their money." The Seacards, however, on the basis of this season's record, are expected to enter the game as favorites. Western played the far out of the Cards in the finals of the Jeffersonville tournament before bowing 51-45. The contests between the Louisville team and the Toppers are close in nearly every instance.

Up-and-Down Murray Foe Of Western

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Murray, Ky., Feb. 7.—Murray State's Thoroughbreds and Western's Hilltoppers will clash Saturday night at Bowling Green for the 46th basketball engagement scheduled by the two arch-rivals of the west end of the commonwealth.

Both teams have had an up-and-down season, with the "down" phase predominating, as each has lost over half of its games. The Breds have lost 11 and won 8, while Western has lost 15 and won 10.

After reaching a "peak" by trouncing Western 55-27 and topping Louisville 54-43, Murray has hit a slump, losing three out of the last four games. Morehead, Eastern and Indiana State set the Breds back, while Cape lost by 4 points to Murray.

WESTERN EDGE

In the 45 games played between Murray and Western, the Toppers have the edge with 29 victories as compared with 16 for the Breds. In tournament play, Western has licked Murray 11 to 3. Murray, however, completely outclassed Ed Diddle's Toppers here January 19 by winning 55-27 for the widest margin ever achieved by either team.

It is probable that this season marks the first time Western and Murray have ever had jointly as poor a record in games won and lost. Together they have lost 25 games.

Three busloads of Murray students will go to Bowling Green.

Seacards Are Ahead At Half By 40 To 20

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 2 (Spl.)—Coach Peck Hickman's University of Louisville Seacards scored their second victory of the season over Western's Hilltoppers at the Armory here tonight by a score of 64 to 51.

Louisville took command soon after the game was under way and increased the margin until at half-time the Seacards were vanning the Diddlemen by 40 to 20. Western, however, drew first blood, on a foul shot and then Louisville duplicated for a 1 all tie. Heller put the Toppers ahead on a long shot but Krupper came back for Louisville and it was deadlocked again at 3 to 3. At this point the Seacards adjusted their sights, and although, Western played a hard, driving type ball the Hilltoppers were no match for the Hickman boys for the remainder of the half.

Paced by Kinker, Krupper and Hauptfuehrer the Seacards bounced into a 15 to 6 lead after about six minutes of play. At this point Western tallied three field goals and a foul while Louisville was scoring a field goal and foul to bring the standing to 18 to 13. This is as close as the Hilltoppers came to catching the Cards who ran the score to 28 to 15.

In the second half the Seacards kept full steam ahead and early in that period lead by 47 to 22. It was then that the Hilltoppers came to life and whittled away at the Seacard lead although they never were able to endanger the Louisville command.

Louisville	Pos.	Western
Kupper 13.....	F.....	13 Hale
Kinker 13.....	F.....	1 Huter
Hauptfuehrer 16.C.....	13. Kirk	
Parker 5.....	G.....	6 Heller
Knopf 3.....	F.....	9 Embry
Louisville: Johnson 6, Garwitz 2, Bell 0, McIntyre 2, Walsh 0, Clark 0, Wellman 2, Osborne 0, Hunter 2.		
Western—Brooks 5, Parsley 0, Johnson 2, Hogan 2, Parrish.		

Western Meets Murray Here Saturday Night

They're at it again, Western and Murray, in the annual renewal of a basketball rivalry dating back to 1932 and now classified strictly as of ancient vintage.

When the Toppers and Breds get together again Saturday night at the Red and Gray arena, you can discard any dope sheets, facts, figures and statistics which you may have because usually you don't have them very long, anyhow, since the bucket is always upset when it is least expected.

Strictly from the scorebook, Murray holds the advantage, having recently laced up the Toppers 55 to 27. But you can throw away the scorebook, too. The Breds, however, boast of a decisive victory over the University of Louisville Seacards in the last two weeks of hectic conference play which saw a shuffling of form sheets, and all these "blowed" out the nearest window.

On the basis of seasonal records, the Murrayites will have to be conceded an edge as favorites, although the traditional battle, at the Western hardwood, is not expected to be a duplicate of the game down at the Purchase floor.

Report from Murray is that the Racehorses are not taking their impending invasion of "the hill" too lightly, as they returned to practice Tuesday after a three-game road trip. They respect Ed Diddle's ability to knock off some team when least expected.

Hilltoppers To Play Evansville Five Tomorrow

Coach Ed Diddle's Western Hilltoppers take to the road again tomorrow, leaving after classes in the afternoon for Evansville, where they meet the Evansville College Purple Aces in a return engagement.

The Western five met the Aces here a month ago and was edged out 44-40 in a game which reverberated to the rafters. Boasting one of the nation's leading scorers in Harold Brown, a forward, the Evansville team is expected to be just as "tough" or tougher on their home floor.

The improved Western club, which battled the daylights out of the Louisville Seacards Saturday night, before succumbing by 13 points, will have a chance, however, to turn the trick against Evansville if they play the type of ball they exhibited in recent encounters.

The Western won-loss record thus far is 14 wins in 28 games, including the Jeffersonville tournament last fall.

Making the trip to Evansville will be the following players: Heller, Huter, Hogan, William Kirk, Embry, Brooks, Johnson, Hale, Parrish and Parsley.

Probable starting lineup for the Toppers will include Brooks and Hale at forwards; Kirk center; Heller and Embry, guards.

For the Evansville five, the starting call very likely will go to Brown and Engelbright, forwards; Scott, center; Jones and Stubbs, guards.

The Evansville game may be considered as a good preparation for the invasion of Bowling Green Saturday night by Western's arch rivals, the Murray State Thoroughbreds.

In 45 games to date Western has trounced its arch rival 29 times and the Murray five has turned the trick 16 times. In regular season play the Toppers won 18 as compared with 13 wins by Murray.

The Hilltoppers, having lost to University of Louisville and Evansville, nevertheless have demonstrated improvement recently in defeating some of the K.I.A.C. powerhouses.

The Breds hold the rather dubious distinction of being one of the most highly-rated basketball outfits with only a mediocre record in the South and Southwest. The Breds are reported to have lost over half of their games, but last Saturday were rated by one of the widely-known rating systems as among the 10 best teams throughout the South. This rating, however, was based on performances of January 28.

Preparations for the Murray game included a mammoth pep rally at Van Meter auditorium Thursday morning, as students and fans began to get in the mood for the big game of the year.

For Western, when the opening whistle sounds at 8 o'clock, probable starters will be Hale and Parsley; William Kirk; Embry and Heller. A starting nod, however, could go to Huter and Brooks.

For Murray the opening lineup likely will present "Red" Reagan and Herold, forwards; "Long John" Padgett at center; Cain and McDaniel at the guard posts.

Evansville Nip Hilltoppers By 53-42 Score

The Western Teachers college Hilltoppers lost a hard-fought basketball game last night to Evansville college Purple Aces 53-42 in a game at the Evansville hardwood. The victory was the second of the Aces over the Westerners this season.

Again, inaccuracy on the firing line cost the locals the ball game, although the Red and Gray was very much in it until the early part of the second half. Western had a seven-point lead with three minutes left in the first half, but trailed 24-23 as the intermission arrived.

Brown, Evansville forward, paced the scorers with 18 points; Jones, guard and Keener, substitute center each tallied 12 markers for the host team.

Chalmers Embry, Western guard, racked up 13 points and Maurice Hale 10 to lead the Hilltoppers offensively.

The Western five will complete preparations today and tomorrow for the visit of their ancient rivals, the Murray Thoroughbreds Saturday night.

W. Kentucky	G	F	PF	TP
Hale, F.....	3	4	2	10
Parsley, F.....	2	2	4	6
Kirk, C.....	2	5	2	9
Heller, G.....	1	0	4	2
Embry, G.....	6	1	4	13
Brooks, G.....	0	0	0	0
Huter, G.....	1	0	2	2
Totals.....	15	12	18	42
Evansville	G	F	PF	TP
Brown, F.....	5	8	2	18
Chappelle, F.....	0	0	2	0
Ewing, F.....	1	0	0	2
Scott, C.....	3	2	5	8
Keiner, C.....	5	2	3	12
Jones, G.....	4	4	2	12
Stubbs, G.....	0	0	0	0
Suddoth, G.....	0	1	1	1
Totals.....	18	17	15	53

Half-time score — Evansville 24; Western Kentucky 23.
Free throws missed: Western—Kentucky—Hale, Kirk, Embry, Huter 3. Evansville—Jones 3.
Officials—W. E. Pointer and Carl Jerger.

Western Outclasses Murray 66-41

Special to The Courier-Journal.

Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 9.—Western's Hilltoppers, displaying a form reminiscent of Coach Ed Diddle's teams of the early 40's, completely outclassed a Murray Thoroughbred five by 66-41 before a capacity crowd at Western's gymnasium here tonight.

The Hilltoppers, smarting under a 27-point defeat at the hands of Murray at Murray earlier in the season, started right out to make a runaway of the game. They were ahead by 36-16 at the half and at one period, after eight minutes of the second half had elapsed, led the Breds 53-19.

Eastern Outlasts Western 46-44

All-American Fred Lewis Scores 20 For Maroons; Toppers Threaten Twice

Richmond, Ky., Feb. 16.—An underdog and underrated Western Kentucky Hilltopper cage team surged forward twice here tonight to threaten Eastern's K.I.A.C. league champions, but Coach Rome Rankin's Maroons was barely able to withstand the charge to win 46-44.

Rivaling the game in interest was the personal scoring exhibitions of Captains Fred Lewis of Eastern and Chalmers Embry of Western, both among the Nation's top 15 in individual scoring. Lewis, now third in the U. S., catapulted his 1945-46 mark to 461, and his two-year total to 1,029, by scoring eight field goals and four fouls for a pace-setting 20 points.

Embry, on the other hand, had only two field goals and two fouls all night. Guarded by Argentine in the first half and Cinnamon in the second, the Western captain could garner only one fielder in each period.

Eastern's victory was the first time a Rankin-coached team had ever beaten Western on the Richmond floor.

Wallowing in the dust of a 28-16 Eastern lead early in the second half after trailing 22-14 at the rest, Coach Ed Diddle's cagers nettled the netting for 10 points on four field goals and two fouls in 4 minutes to tie the score at 30-all. After Eastern's all-America Fred Lewis pushed his team ahead 30-28 with a field goal, Parsley of Western again knotted the count with a long shot and Eastern knew it had met a formidable foe.

The K.I.A.C. champs took control again midway in the final half to urge to a 44-35 lead with 4 minutes to go.

DID IT AGAIN

And then Western did it again, all but shaking Eastern from its throne. Intermingled with foul conversions by Eastern's Lewis

Toppers Clash With Morehead In Finale

Looking toward the K.I.A.C. tournament this week-end at Louisville, Western's Hilltoppers close their regular season tonight in a tilt against Morehead on the latter's floor.

The Toppers, who were bested by Eastern in a close 46-44 tilt Saturday night at Richmond, are to meet the University of Louisville team in a first-round tourney battle Friday night at the Jefferson armory in Louisville.

Louisville previously has beaten Diddle's boys three times, twice in regular season play and once in the Ohio Valley tourney. The Cards will rule as favorites to turn the trick again Friday night.

In tonight's tilt the Toppers will be trying for their second win of the season over the Eagles. In their previous meeting on the local hardwood Western tripped Ellis Johnson's boys 62-40.

Tonight's game will close one of the longest and most trying seasons Coach Ed Diddle has experienced at the local school. A total of 33 games, including the three in the Ohio Valley meet, will have been played. Of the 32 already played the Toppers have won 15 and dropped 17.

and Devenzio, Western surged forward as Hale longed, Embry sank a foul, Kirk scored on a penal flip crippled and then crippled again. Huter's foul conversion brought Western up to 46-44 with 40 seconds to go but Eastern took possession of the ball and stalled the remaining seconds away.

The rebound work of Goebel Ritter, Eastern center, kept Western subdued through the first half but the whole Eastern team failed to cope with Western's Hale, who scored 11 points in the second half during Western's two forward pushes. His game total was 15, second only to Lewis' 20.

Summary:

East'n (46)	fg.f.p.	West. (44)	fg.f.p.
Lewis f	8 4 2	Hale f	7 1 3
Becker f	3 1 2	Parsley f	3 2 4
Ritter c	2 2 4	Kirk c	5 2 2
Argentine g	0 2 1	Heller g	1 0 3
Devenzio g	3 2 1	Embry g	2 2 5
Oldham f	1 1 2	Huter f	0 1 2
Cinnamon g	0 0 0		
Totals	17 12 12	Totals	18 8 19

Officials: Dromo and Colwell (Cincinnati).

Diddlemen Drop 53-49 Decision To Morehead

Morehead, a 62-40 victim of Western's Hilltoppers in a local tilt, snapped back to even the ledger with the Hilltoppers in a 53-49 session last night at Morehead, closing the regular season for both fives.

The Eagles were forced all the way, and at one point in the game had to overcome a seven-point deficit. Coach Ed Diddle's boys held a 26-23 lead at the intermission.

In besting the Hilltoppers the Eagles also throttled Western's high-scorer, Chalmers Embry, who was able to count but four points. Embry had been held to six points Saturday as the Toppers dropped a two-point decision to Eastern.

Charley Parsley, Hilltopper forward, who counted 20 points on six fielders and eight charity tosses, led scorers of both teams, while Morehead's Pobst was tops for the winners with 15. Hawhee, Eagle forward, and Miller, center, each had 14 points.

Despite his 10-point total in the Toppers last two games, Embry ended the season with a total of 402 points in 33 games, which is the largest ever compiled by a Western player during the regular season. Several Western performers have

topped Embry's average of 12.28 in past seasons.

The 33-game schedule, which the locals completed with 15 wins against 18 losses, is the longest in the history of a Diddle team.

Scheduled to return to the city this afternoon following their two-game road trip into eastern Kentucky, the Toppers will workout tomorrow in preparation for their KIAC tourney tilt against Louisville Friday night at Louisville.

Lineups:

Morehead	G	F	PF	TP
Hutchinson, f	3	2	2	8
Hawhee, f	4	6	3	14
Miller, c	5	4	4	14
Tucker, g	1	0	0	2
Pobst, g	7	1	1	15
Nichols, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	20	13	11	53

Western	G	F	PF	TP
Huter, f	4	2	1	10
Hale, f	2	0	0	4
Parsley, f	6	8	4	20
Kirk, c	2	2	2	6
Heller, g	2	1	3	5
Embry, g	2	0	2	4
Parish, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	13	12	49

Half time score: Western Kentucky 26, Morehead 23.
Free throws missed: Morehead: Hawhee, 2. Western Kentucky: Kirk, Heller.

Toppers Topped

Diddle Fingers His Throat Makes Sound Like 'Kiac'

Western Coach Feels He Got It In Windpipe In Seedings, Draw for K.I.A.C. Meet Here This Week

By TOMMY FITZGERALD
Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Ed Diddle, Western's colorful and highly volatile basketball coach, slid his forefinger across his throat in a pantomime suggesting the severance of his jugular vein and made a noise that sounded, appropriately enough, like "kiac." Ed was trying to convey his conviction that the K.I.A.C. had performed a surgical operation on his windpipe when they made the seedings and the drawings for the K.I.A.C. Tournament coming up Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Armory.

"Jupiter almighty!" exclaimed Ed, impassioned with what he considers righteous indignation, in his office last week at Bowling Green just before the U.L.—Western game. "Whoever heard of a draw like that. How did they seed them anyway? On their seasonal standing in the K.I.A.C.? If so, why wasn't Wesleyan seeded because Wesleyan was fourth, ahead of Murray, which was sixth at the time of the drawings?"

When Ed, who missed the meeting in Louisville at which the teams were seeded and the tournament draw made, but who was represented by Male High's Pap Glenn, was informed by Coach Peck Hickman, O. of L. mentor, that the seeding was done by the vote of the coaches.

TOUGH TEAMS

"By the vote of the coaches?" he said with astonishment. "Why didn't they seed us, then? We

played nobody but the tough teams."

Eastern, Louisville, Morehead and Murray were the four teams seeded and they were seeded in that order. These four and Western are the top five teams in the conference. At the time of the seedings Eastern had won five and lost one in competition with the top five, Louisville had won four and lost two, Morehead had won one and lost four, Murray had won three and lost five, and Western had won two and lost three. So, actually, Western had a better percentage than Morehead in games among the "Big Five" although Morehead had a much better overall conference standing with eight victories and four defeats to Western's two and three, Western not having played outside the "Big Five."

Since then, however, Western has lost to U. of L., Eastern and Morehead. During the season

Western split with Morehead and compiled a record in the "Big Five" of two wins against six losses, the same as that achieved by Morehead.

GANGED UP

So Uncle Ed feels they "ganged up" on him and it didn't help his temper any when he drew U. of L. for Friday night as his first opponent in the tournament, which opens with two games Thursday night.

"For years," he shouted, "I tried to get them to seed the teams, but what did they do?"

Again Uncle Ed slid his finger across his throat and made a noise that sounded like "kiac." "The very first year I had a team that was out of the running," he continued vehemently, "they decided to seed the teams. It looks mighty funny to me. It only means me and my boys will be up there in Louisville next week just pitching that much harder."

How Teams Fared In K.I.A.C.

Team	East.	Lon.	More.	Wesl.	Mur.	Can.	Geo.	Ber.	Un.	West.	W.	L.
Eastern	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	13	1	
Louisville	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	
Morehead			2	1	2	2	1	1	1	9	6	
Wesleyan					2	2	2			6	6	
Murray	1	1							1	3	5	
Centre								1	2	3	5	
Georgetown					2		1	1		4	9	
Western		1		1						2	6	
Berea					1				2	3	8	
Union							1			1	6	

Fred Lewis Hits Total Of 20 As Embry Gets Six

RICHMOND, Ky., Feb. 16—(Spl.)—Paced by Fred Lewis, the nation's third highest scorer who sacked up 20 points, the Eastern Maroons closed out their 1945-46 season with a 46-44 win over Western Kentucky here tonight.

Tonight's win gave the Maroons a total of 13 against one loss in KIAC play this season, two of the victories being registered over the Hilltoppers.

Eastern took and held the initiative throughout a sluggish first half, but had a fight on its hands to maintain command throughout the final stanza.

Western was able to knot the count twice during the final eight minutes of play, but Lewis counted to put Eastern into the lead again.

Chalmers Embry, Western ace, who is also one of the leading point makers of the nation, found the basket for only two fielders and two free pitches for six points, leaving the game on personal fouls during the final four minutes.

Maurice Hale, Western forward was top scorer for the visitors with 15 points, while Charley Parsley and Kirk each had 10 points.

The Hilltoppers are to continue their road trip, moving Sunday to Morehead, where they close their schedule in a game against Ellis Johnson's Eagles.

Lineups:

Western (44)	G	F	TP	PF
Hale, f	7	1	15	
Parsley, f	4	2	10	
Kirk, c	4	2	10	
Heller, g	1	0	2	
Embry, g	2	2	6	
Huter, f	0	1	1	
Totals	18	8	44	18

Eastern (46)	G	F	TP	PF
Becker, f	3	1	7	
Lewis, f	8	4	20	
Ritter, c	2	2	6	
Devenzio, g	3	2	8	
Argentine, g	0	2	2	
Oldham, f	1	1	3	
Cinnamon, g	0	0	0	
Totals	17	12	46	18

Score at half: Eastern 22, West-

Western Gains Revenge From A

Into Lead To Smother Breds

By Clarence Daves

The Western Hilltopper cagers scored a dazzling 66-41 triumph over their ancient rivals, the Murray State Thoroughbred five at Western's gymnasium last night before an estimated crowd of 3,400 persons. A few days ago Murray trampled the Toppers 55 to 27 at Murray.

Taking control early in the game, the Toppers, behind the outstanding marksmanship of Hale, Embry, Heller and Kirk, gained a lead of 36-16 at the half.

Never, after the first 13 minutes of play, were the Breds in the game, as far as being a serious threat was concerned. The battle was fought at a terrific pace all the way through.

It was sweet revenge for the Hilltoppers and built up their prestige for the forthcoming K.I.A.C. basketball tournament in Louisville.

The victory last night followed Western's most brilliant performance of the year. Maurice Hale, with 17 points, led all scorers, and Chalmers Embry guard, tallied 14 for the Western cause. However, Bill Kirk, center, hit for 11 and Charles Parsley and George Heller, playing their best ball of the year, came in for their part of the laurels with 10 points each.

"Jr." Herrold, Murray forward, with 10 points, was the best offensively for Murray, which saw its ace, Red Reagan held to a free throw and a scoring total of a lone point.

Up to his best form from the distant firing line, George Heller opened the Western parade with a high, looping fielder, which never touched a thing but the net.

Cain hit from the corner for Murray and the game was deadlocked at 2-2. Taking on the flavor and color of a typical Western-Murray joust, the pressure was on as Parsley crippled to give the locals an edge of 4-2. Maurice Hale started his deadly basket-tossing and hit on a long shot to boost the count at 6-2. Murray called time out here, with about four minutes gone by.

On the efforts of Bill Kirk and Embry, the Toppers soon had a lead of 12-6, but MacDaniel cut it to 12-8. Herrold and Heller divided baskets and Parsley came through with a long heave and the Western fans sensed a victory that was not to be denied.

Embry widened the home-town margin to 19-10 on a crisp shot and a free throw and the crowd began to see a ball game reminiscent of old times. The capacity house went into hysteria as the sharpshooting Hilltoppers brought back hopes of hundreds of local supporters as well as those of communities from miles around.

Embry's foul shot after he was touched by Reagan made the score 24-15, this being as close as the Thoroughbreds ever were to the fast-stepping, basket-conscious Diddlemen.

Embry started the scoring in the second half with two free throws and Parsley, Hale and Kirk featured a scoring barrage which ran the count to 48-17 after eight minutes. The game was actually clinched at that point although the Breds fought desperately, only to find their best shooting attempts go for naught time after time.

The Westerners, with the scoring fairly well-divided, looked more like a smooth working basketball machine than they have for two seasons.

The victory was No. 15 for this season and gave the boys a boost for their impending struggle with the Louisville Seacards here next Wednesday night.

Western	G	F	PF	TP
Hale, F	8	1	3	17
Parsley, F	5	0	3	10
Kirk, C	5	1	2	11
Heller, G	5	0	5	10
Embry, G	5	4	1	14
Brooks, F	0	0	1	0
Lanham, C	0	0	0	0
Parrish, G	0	1	0	1
Huter, G	1	1	1	3

Murray	G	F	PF	TP
Reagan, F	0	1	2	1
Herrold, F	4	2	2	10
Padgett, C	1	5	2	7
Cain, G	3	1	2	7
Haines, G	0	0	0	0
McDaniel, F	2	0	2	4
Russell, F	3	1	1	7
Grammer, C	0	0	1	0
Lail, C	0	0	1	1
Myers, G	1	0	0	2
Riggins, G	1	0	0	2

15 11 13 41

Halftime score: Western 36 Murray 16.

Free throws, Western—Hale 5; Parsley 2; Kirk 1; Embry 1; Huter 1; Murray—Herrold 2; Padgett 4; Myers 1.

Officials, Hickman Duncan and Browser Chest, Nashville.

Western To Meet Louisville In KIAC Tournament; Seacards, Eastern Favored

Western's Hilltoppers, who performed brilliantly Saturday night in smothering Murray, were placed slightly in the rear of the eight ball in the KIAC tourney drawings conducted yesterday at Louisville.

Mr. Diddle's boys were paired with Bernard Hickman's Louisville Seacards, already two-time winners over the locals. Along with Eastern, the Cards rule as favorites in the tourney.

None of the members of the local athletic staff attended the drawing

yesterday, and the Toppers were represented by Pap Glenn, an alumnus residing in Louisville.

After years of tossing all the names in the hat, the coaches and representatives decided yesterday to seed four teams. Coach Diddle, whose Western teams dominated the meet for more than a decade, always had advocated seeding in previous years. However, entering this year's tourney as an underdog, the Western coach was not in favor of seeding.

The representative voted at the meeting to make seeding a permanent tourney policy. Seeded yesterday were Eastern, Louisville, Morehead and Murray.

Hickman threatened to withdraw his Louisville team because of the tourney schedule, but later accepted the pairings. The Cards and Toppers meet at 9 o'clock Friday night, February 22. The winner must play in the last semi-final game Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The draw placed Eastern, Wesleyan, Berea, Georgetown and Morehead in the top bracket, with Union, Centre, Murray, Western and Louisville in the lower bracket.

First round games Thursday night February 21, pit Union and Centre in the curtain raiser, with Georgetown and Morehead meeting in the second game. Eastern opposes Wesleyan and Berea meets the Georgetown-Morehead winner in games Friday afternoon. Murray plays the Centre-Union winner in the opening game Friday night before the Louisville-Western clash.

Tom Green and John Showalter of Georgetown and Edgar McNabb of Morehead were named tournament officials.

The Hilltoppers, who gave the experts a jolt Saturday night, are next scheduled for action in a regular season joust with Louisville Wednesday night at the local gym.

While tonight's entertainment is confined to the high schools, tomorrow night will find Coach Diddle's Western five in action against Peck Hickman's Louisville five.

Hickman, who watched the Hilltoppers romp over Murray here Saturday night, is expecting a stiff test despite the fact his Cards have scored two previous wins over the Toppers, the last an easy one at Louisville.

The Cards hardly had a workout last night in punishing Butler of Indianapolis 79-33 at Louisville.

After a loose and uninspiring performance against Evansville College last Wednesday night, the Toppers returned to the home court to knock off Murray in a fashion reminiscent of pre-war Western performances.

Just how far the Hilltoppers will be able to go in the approaching KIAC tourney may be indicated by the outcome of tomorrow's game, for they are paired with Louisville in the opening round of the meet.

Diddle Leaves For Meet Making No Predictions

No predictions were forthcoming from Western's Coach Ed Diddle as he prepared to leave today for Louisville to be on hand for the opening of the nineteenth KIAC net tourney tonight at the Jefferson County Armory.

Relieved customary worries accompanying the favorite's role, the Hilltopper coach stated, "We have all to win, and nothing to lose," adding that his Hilltoppers would "be in there throwing."

For the first time in more than a decade the Hilltopper coach will enter an underdog team in the tourney. After the strain of the years when he won nine tournaments in a row, the new role is a great relief to the Hilltopper men-

tor, whose pre-tourney disposition is improved over past years.

The Hilltoppers, beaten three times during the past season by Louisville, face the Cards again in the second game of tomorrow night's tourney session.

Although their coach will be on hand for the opening of the meet tonight, the Hilltoppers will not depart for Louisville until tomorrow morning.

Squad members to accompany Assistant Coach Ted Hornback to Louisville include Maurice Hale, Charley Parsley, William Kirk, George Heller, Chalmers Embry, Jim Huter, Charley Parrish, Carroll Brooks, Joe Johnson and John To-

